

WEATHER SYNOPSIS
The barometer remains low on the North-west Coast, and unsettled, mild weather has been general over this Province. Milder weather is reported in the Prairies, with light snowfalls in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF INDIAN VICEROY

YULETIDE IS CELEBRATED AT EMPRESS

Last Night's Concert Brings Christmas Message of Goodwill and Cheerfulness to Large Audience

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR GIVES ADDRESS

Christmas With Herrick Proves to Be Delightful Ballad Opera of Seventeenth Century

THE Christmas joyful the Christmas mirthful, the Christmas merry, the Christmas of the power and patch period, of the Elizabethan era, of the Middle Ages, Christmas celebrated in the German-English tiltyard and in the streets of London in the days of the Empire; all that Christmas could stand for, all that Christmas is ever meant to be, has been added, tried as an experiment and ally become an institution at the Empress Hotel of which Victoria is justly proud.

The Yuletide Festival, which was inaugurated in Victoria last year, is fair to surpass itself in this, the second year of its existence. At a first concert, held in the ballroom of the hotel last night, the annual applause from the audience which crowded the room, was happy augury for the four days of festival to come.

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Describing yesterday as a red letter day in the annals of Victoria, a Honor, R. Randolph Bruce, spoke as follows: "We are celebrating today the Yuletide Festival, which has been added to this building, making it the finest and most magnificent hotel in the whole of a British Empire. The Canadian Pacific Railway, which bisects the city across Canada in the early days, has now given Victoria not only this splendid building but has also added a magnificent and in addition to this city the genuine Yuletide spirit."

His Honor spoke of the work of R. John Murray Gibson, in creating a wonderful atmosphere of cheerfulness and good will, and asked him for the manner in which he had contrived to take the spirit of Victoria "out of them."

Pirates of China Loot Steamship

HONG KONG, Dec. 23.—The Japanese steamer Ryujin Maru went round at the mouth of the Whang-poo river early today and was looted by dozens of armed Chinese pirates, a dispatch received by the British naval wireless from Canton. The pirates came alongside the steamer in small boats and clambered over the railings. They forced the officers to stay in the cabins while the ship was looted. Part of the cargo and the ship's fittings were taken. Departing in their small boats, the pirates disappeared in the darkness of the night. No one was injured. No hostages were taken for ransom. Several hours later the ship sailed aground not far from Canton.

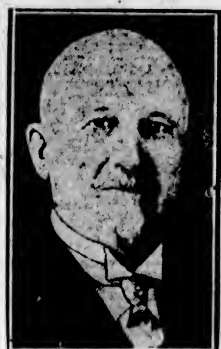
From the Colonist Tower

Tuesday, Dec. 24

THE WEATHER
Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate fresh southerly wind; unsettled mild, with occasional rain.
Sun Rises: 8:04 a.m.
Sun Sets: 4:22 p.m.
High Tide: 10:05 a.m., 9.0 feet.
Low Tide: 5:37 p.m., 4.5 feet.

The News
Decision reserved after preliminary hearing of Rev. S. Lundie on manslaughter charge.
Community carol singing in front of Parliament Buildings tonight.
Minister, Imperial and Foreign—Viceroy of India while on his way to attend conference.
Belgian police discover plot to prevent royal wedding by the use of bombs.
Elaborate plans being made for opening of great Naval Conference in London on January 21.
Labor Government forced by Mr. Lloyd George to make concessions on Coal Mines Bill.

Minister Stricken With Pneumonia



HON. W. R. MOTHERWELL
Minister of Agriculture, in hospital at Ottawa suffering from an attack of pneumonia or pleurisy contracted at Sherbrooke livestock show, who is reported resting quietly and making satisfactory progress.

EVIDENCE AS TO SHOOTING CHARGE HEARD

Rev. S. Lundie, of Sooke, Given Preliminary Hearing in Provincial Police Court—In Witness Box

DECISION DEFERRED UNTIL DEC. 30

Rev. Samuel Lundie, of Sooke, appeared in the provincial police court, yesterday afternoon, to answer to a charge of manslaughter which is a sequel to the death of Louis Godtel, shot in mistake for a deer while hunting on November 18 of this year. After hearing of evidence and argument, Stipendiary Magistrate George Jay said that he would reserve his decision until Monday, December 30. Corporal Harvey acted as Crown prosecutor and Mr. H. A. Maclean, K.C., for the accused. After a slight delay, while a stenographer was being secured, the evidence opened with Mrs. Lettie Louise Godtel in the witness box. She testified to the departure of her husband and Mr. Lundie on their hunting trip. Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner for the City of Victoria, testified to having examined the body when it was brought in. Death had been caused by a wound from the bullet of a rifle which was produced in court and later identified as that carried by Mr. Lundie on the day in question. Death must have been instantaneous.

As coroner, witness said, he had been an inquest, and after full instruction on the difference between culpable manslaughter and misadventure, the jury had returned a verdict that the death was caused "accidentally and by misfortune."

Canada's Maintenance of Gold Standard Doubtful According to Statement

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—For some months prominent London economists have asserted that Canada has departed from the gold standard, and recently the adequacy of Canada's gold reserve for its note issue has been questioned in New York. The reply of the Canadian Finance Department has been that the gold standard has been preserved, but no details or proof is given in support of this assertion, nor have the Canadian banks endorsed the Finance Department's contention.

The November financial statement shows that, whereas there was specie in reserve on November 30, 1928, of \$88,302,584, on the same date this year this had decreased to \$62,827,968, so that Canada must have had a substantial gold surplus over the statutory gold standard requirement in November, 1928, or must have had a considerable deficit three weeks ago, as the difference in note issue would not account for the difference in the gold reserve.

On November 30 the deposits in Postoffice savings banks and Dominion savings banks were \$25,827,334. It is required by statute that

Nanaimo Miner Dies Instantly As Rock Falls

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—He Badoonac, native of Croatia, miner, was instantly killed while at work in No. 1 section of Extension Mines, six miles from here, this afternoon, by a large cave-in of rock and coal. He was sixty-five years of age, and had lived in this district forty years. He leaves his widow, three sons and one daughter.

AGRICULTURAL FACULTY COST INVESTIGATED

Government and Board of Governors of University Co-operate in Inquiry as to Expenditure.

CHANGES LIKELY TO BE IMPORTANT

Important changes in the organization of the University of British Columbia are expected here as a result of conferences between the Government and the University governors.

Most important of these changes is likely to be a drastic reduction in the farming operations of the Department of Agriculture, which have been extremely costly in the past and, if continued on their present scale, will be more expensive in the future.

ACT IN CO-OPERATION

Following a meeting between the entire Cabinet and all heads of the Provincial Department of Agriculture with a committee representing the board of governors last week, the letter will go over the annual estimates, and submit them to the Government. As a result of co-operation between the governors and the Government, it is hoped that estimates satisfactory to all concerned may be arranged. The Government's move to modify the appropriations of the university was based to great extent on the estimates of the Faculty of Agriculture. These included about \$120,000 in capital expenditures required for new barns, manure pits and similar equipment for the farm operated at the university.

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Striking Facts Connected With Mill Operation

CHEMUNUS, Dec. 23.—The output of the Chemunus mill during 1929 would be sufficient to build a light board fence, made from one by twelve, on both sides of the E. & N. Railway, from Chemunus to Victoria, to a height of 218 feet 5 inches—just a few feet higher than the power house chimney. Any one tooth of the log cut-off saw working two shifts during one year, travels 576,000 miles, or 24 times the distance to the moon. Wire rope to the length of 25,815 feet—49 miles—was furnished last year during eight months of this year, and 56,183 feet—10.6 miles—went to Camp 10 during the same period. If the logs received from Camp 9 and 10 this year were placed end to end, it would enable you to walk over logs from Chemunus to Los Angeles, Cal. These interesting facts are set out in the third Christmas Annual of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company.

ELABORATE PLANS MADE FOR PARLEY

All Preparations for Naval Conference Moving Ahead Quickly and Will Soon Be Complete

SPEECH OF KING TO BE BROADCAST

General Indication of Policies to Be Pursued by Powers Are Beginning to Be Made Public

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Plans are being made to broadcast the King's speech at the opening of the Five Power Naval Conference, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on January 11, from the House of Lords. Immediately after his address the King will surrender the chairmanship of the conference to Prime Minister MacDonald.

The entire two hours of the broadcasting which will be between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, will not be occupied by the King, as this time was allotted in the hope of handling introductory speeches of delegates from other countries.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Preparations for the Conference began to move rapidly forward last week in Europe, the United States and the Far East.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald announced amid enthusiasm in the House of Commons that the King will officially open the conference on January 21, and deliver the welcoming address to the delegates. The King's speech will be the first that he has made in more than a year. The Japanese delegates have sailed for Great Britain after conferences with the British and American officials in Washington. Wakaizumi, their leader, affirmed that the delegation was prepared to support a six year building holiday for capital ships. A spokesman in Tokyo said the Japanese Government was fully Continued on Page 28, Column 7

All Churches In Unison Is Now Forecast

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—"An amazing revolution and the union of all Protestant churches is in sight at the conference at the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church at Lambeth, England, next year," said Rev. F. G. Ward-Whitely, priest-in-charge of the vessel near the St. Alban's Church here. "We have no right to say," he said, "that there is invalidity of organization on the part of the United Church when we see the wonderful spiritual results of their ministry."

Rev. Ward-Whitely said the only obstacle to church union among the Protestant churches was the historic Episcopal Church and that ten years ago the Lambeth Conference agreed to unite with any church, provided it would accept the quadrilateral that contained as one of its four features the historic episcopate.

Community Carol Singing Will Be Feature Tonight

The old practice of carol singing will be revived to-night when, following the concert in the Empress Hotel the participants in that event will repair to the steps of the Parliament Buildings and, with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the province, Hon. R. R. Bruce, taking the lead, a programme of old-time Christmas carols will be sung. Mr. Harold E. Key, of the Yuletide company, will be conductor. The singing will begin at 11 o'clock, and for the occasion the buildings will be lighted up white, as an added setting to the unique community concert, there will be the varied colors on the trees in the Parliament grounds and in the grounds of the Empress Hotel, with the illumination of the only of the Parliament Buildings but also those of the Empress, the post-office and the C.P.R. wharf offices surrounding the harbor. There will be three thousand and programmes of the music to be sung, distributed, and the public is invited to participate to the fullest in this feature of the Yuletide celebration.

The Gobbler Goes Home for Christmas



If only we knew what the big fellow is thinking as he proceeds on his bumpy way from the farmyard to the kitchen! Anyway, he seems to be enjoying himself far more than the little chap whose job it is to see that he reaches the oven in safety. You cannot expect Mr. Turkey to do his own traveling, particularly when he is going to provide a good Christmas dinner for somebody else's family.

Bishop and Clergyman Are In Conflict and Serious Issue Arises Over Ritual

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A remarkable climax to the four-year-old feud between Rt. Rev. Ernest Barnes, the modernist Bishop of Birmingham, and the clergy of his diocese who have Anglo-Catholic leanings, was brought about by the trustee of one of the "rebel churches" of the diocese today. They instructed their solicitors to issue a writ against the bishop because of his refusal to institute a clergyman they had nominated.

The complainants included the Bishop of Truro, Rt. Rev. Walter Freer. This clergyman was nominated for St. Alban's, Small Heath, and Bishop Barnes refused to institute because the nominee declined to make a declaration promising to frame the services and ceremony strictly on the old Prayer Book. They threatened action to compel Bishop Barnes to induct the clergyman.

LIBERAL HEAD FORCES LABOR TO GIVE WAY

MacDonald Government Announces Changes in Coal Mines Bill After Christmas Recess

COMMITTEE STAGE WILL SEE FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The fact that the Labor Government has gone a long way to meet the demands of the Liberal party in regard to the Coal Mines Bill is evident from a statement of the Government's intentions made by Rt. Hon. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade.

The committee stage of the bill, says Mr. Graham, will be undertaken at the earliest possible moment after the Christmas recess of Parliament. A clause will be inserted in the bill appointing commissioners for the purpose of framing schemes of amalgamation in different parts of the country.

The Government adheres to the view, says Mr. Graham, that all statements to the effect that large increases in the price of coal are due to the bill are without foundation. The Government will, however, consider further steps, under proposals of the bill, to protect the public in regard to the price of coal at the pithead. Concerning retail prices and the gap between pithead and retail price, the Government intends, as soon as possible, to prepare legislation establishing a consumers' council. The work of this body will deal with the necessities of life—in the main, food and fuel.

USE BOMB IN ATTACK UPON LORD IRWIN

Infernal Machine Carefully Hidden and Exploded Right Beneath Coach of British Viceroy

IS QUITE COOL IN SPITE OF DANGER

Proceeds to Conference Which, However, Ends in Failure to Reach Any Satisfactory Results

DELHI, India, Dec. 23.—Viceroy Lord Irwin of India narrowly escaped assassination today when a bomb exploded under the train in which he was traveling to New Delhi for a conference with Indian Nationalist leaders on the political future of India. Little damage was done to the viceregal train and no one was seriously hurt, although the explosion blew out two feet of rail. The cars behind jumped the track, but the train did not even stop in its run to Delhi. One trainman was injured slightly.

The bomb had been carefully concealed and was set off by an electric charge conveyed through two long cables.

VICEROY'S COOLNESS

Lord Irwin proceeded to the city, where an hour later he coolly replied to an address of welcome from the municipality and then opened the conference as though nothing had happened.

The explosion proved inauspicious, however, for it was announced a few hours later that negotiations between the Viceroy and the Nationalist leaders had broken down on the question of Dominion status for India. Motilal Nehru, one of the Indian delegates, said after several hours of discussion that no agreement had been reached.

Indian leaders and British authorities were greatly angered by the attempt to assassinate Lord Irwin.

RIGHT BENEATH COACH

It was discovered that the bomb had gone off directly under the viceregal coach, but caused no serious damage.

The attempt on Lord Irwin's life recalled a similar attack on Lord Harding seventeen years ago. A bomb was thrown at the then Viceroy as he was entering Delhi, and it wounded him seriously and killed one of his attendants. Lord Irwin's return to New Delhi today concluded a viceregal tour of the principal Continued on Page 2, Column 6

INDUSTRIES IN WEST NOW MAKE GREAT STRIDES

Development in Western Provinces Is Assuring Great Future of This Part of Dominion

OUTLOOK IS FOR MORE PROGRESS

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 23.—Great industrial development throughout Western Canada, which in the last two decades has brought the annual gross value of manufactured articles produced in the Western provinces to \$6,000,000,000, was shown today by Mr. John F. Sweeting, industrial commissioner of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in an address to Winnipeg officers of the company.

The industrial branch of the company, said Mr. Sweeting, which commenced operations in May, 1910, was the first organization of its kind in Western Canada. The West had been considered in its development from a purely agricultural point of view, but the growth in value of articles manufactured, which in 1900 amounted to less than \$30,000,000 in the four Western provinces, had increased in actual value at the end of 1910 to \$144,000,000. Thus the necessity for active participation in industrial development became apparent.

"In the last nineteen years we have become more fully aware of the value of the mineral resources of the Prairie Provinces," Mr. Sweeting said. "One of the factors contributing to the future of industrial development in the West is the vastness of its territory, which in days to come will create immense markets for all classes of goods, and another, the vast water power resources available for manufacturing. Those of us who have lived through and watched Western developments during the last twenty years are assured as to the future of the West."

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That Last
Moment Gift:Footwear or Hosiery
SCRIP

We issue this scrip to any desired amount and it is the best way to solve that "I almost forgot" gift.

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1218 Douglas St. Phone 1125**Storage**Put your car under cover while at business or shopping.
Rates by Day, Week or Month
Special Winter Rates on Washing**Stage Depot Service Station**
Broughton at Broad Phone 4623**LORD BYNG BETTER**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Viscount Byng, of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada, continued to make progress in recovery from a lung ailment over the week-end. He is not allowed to see any visitors, however, nor to attend to any correspondence.

ROSES—ROSESNew Shipment Just Arrived!
Choice of 50 Varieties
50¢ Each**PACIFIC FEED COMPANY**
425 CORMORANT STREET**Batchelor's Cash and Carry**

THREE STORES

People's Cash Yates St.
Self-Service Douglas St. Popular Douglas St.

Let Us Help You With Your Christmas Shopping—We Can Do It!

Finest New Zealand Butter, per lb.	43¢	Choice Alberta Butter, lb.	42¢
3 lbs. for	\$1.27	Domestic Shortening, lb.	35¢
Pure Leaf Lard, per lb.	47¢	Domestic Shortening, 3 lbs.	1.05
3 lbs. for	1.41	Finest Ayshire Roll, sliced, per lb.	39¢
Crisco, 3-lb. cans	50¢	Finest Smoked Edinburgh Ham, per lb.	33¢
Finest Smoked Picnic Ham, per lb.	27¢	Finest Sweet Pickled Picnic Ham, per lb.	20¢
Finest Sweet Pickled Picnic Ham, per lb.	20¢	Finest Mild Cheese, per lb.	27¢
Finest Mild Cheese, per lb.	27¢	Mid Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon, piece cut, per lb.	33¢
Mid Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon, piece cut, per lb.	33¢	Lunch Tongue, sliced, lb.	50¢
Premium Wieners, per lb.	30¢	Finest Sauerkraut, 2 lbs.	15¢
Farmers' Pure Pork Sausages, per lb.	28¢	Finest Home-Made Mince-meat, per lb.	15¢

CHRISTMAS HAMSOur Hams this year are better than ever.
Whole Ham, 33c
Half Ham, 35cChoice Young Fat Alberta Turkeys, priced according to size.
Our birds have not been frozen.

Our Groceries Positively Saves You Money

Braid's Best Tea or Coffee, per lb.	49¢	Nabob Tea, in special Christmas tins; per lb.	55¢
For your Christmas breakfast try our Reception Coffee; 47¢		Our Malabar Coffee is really good; special price, lb.	37¢
Another favorite: Broken Pekoe Tea; per lb.	45¢	Pure Dutch Cocoa, 2 lbs.	25¢
3 lbs. for	\$1.30	Mayflower Pure Strawberry or Raspberry Jam, 4-lb. can	49¢
Empress Pure Orange Marmalade, 4-lb. can	41¢	Mayflower Pineapple Marmalade, 4-lb. cans	52¢
Holsum Blackberry Jam, 4-lb. can	39¢	Baby Beets, per tin	21¢
Asparagus Tips, 1's	29¢	Green or Wax Beans, tin	15¢
Spinach, 2's, per tin	16¢	Solid Pack Tomatoes, 2 cans	23¢
Green Peas, 2 tins for	25¢	3 Sweet Corn, per tin	14¢
Aylmer Golden Bannam Corn, per tin	17¢	Clark's Soup, all kinds, 3 tins for	25¢
Heinz Pork and Beans, 3 tins for	29¢	Nabob Tea or Coffee, lb.	55¢
Finest Jumbo Jordan Almonds, per lb.	70¢	South African Pineapple, sliced, large cans	23¢
South African Pineapple Cubes, large cans	23¢	Ogilvie's Minute Oats, in tins; per lb.	10¢
Greening Peas, large cans	23¢	Ormond's or Red Arrow Sodas, per pkt.	19¢
Wild Rose Pastry, Flour, 10-lb. bags	45¢	Clark's Tomato Catsup, 2 bottles for	25¢
Bread Flour, 7-lb. bags	32¢	Heinz Pickles, all kinds; per bottle	27¢
Heinz Tomato Catsup, bottle	25¢	Johnston's Fluid Beef, at, per bottle	90¢
Ripe Olives, large cans	25¢		
Blue Ribbon or Empress Jelly Powders, 4 for	24¢		

Christmas Assortment of Nuts, Fruit, Candies, Etc.—
Everything of the Best Quality at Prices to Suit Your Pocket

Christmas Stockings, well filled, 25¢ to	\$1.00	No. 1 Mixed Nuts, per lb.	25¢
A wonderful assortment of Choice Candies, from, per lb.	15¢ to	No. 1 California Soft-Shell Walnuts, per lb.	35¢
Best value in the city		3 lbs. for	\$1.00
Fine Chestnuts and Brazil, per lb.	25¢	No. 1 Corn, for popping; per lb.	10¢
Fancy Oregon Franquette Walnuts, per lb.	40¢	Little Joe Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	10¢
3 lbs. for	\$1.10	Cape Cod Cranberries, lb.	30¢
Jap Oranges, 2 doz. for	45¢	Texas Seedless Grapefruit, 4 for	47¢
Per box		Delicious Fruit Wines, quart; per bottle	35¢
California Grapefruit, 5 for	25¢	Fancy King Apples, Local, 10 lbs. for	25¢
Red Emperor Grapes, the best we can buy; per lb.	15¢	Per box	\$1.55
We have some Fancy Wagner Apples, 4 lbs. for	25¢	California Table Raisins, per pkt.	18¢
Spanish Table Raisins, per pkt.	18¢ and	2 pkts. for	35¢
Almond Icing, the real thing; per lb.	30¢	A full sack of Sweet Oranges; prices according to size.	
Finest Smyrna Figs, lb.	30¢	Fresh Dates, 3 lbs. for	25¢
Table Dates, Dromedary, per pkt.	20¢	Fancy Glace Cherries, lb.	40¢
Finest Crystallized Ginger, per lb.	20¢	Preserved Ginger, in syrup; per jar	25¢
Watson's Dry Ginger Ale, 2 bottles for	25¢	Christmas Puddings, made in our own kitchen; each	55¢
Per doz.	\$1.35	4 and	\$1.10
A real Christmas special: Netted Gem Potatoes, 7 lbs. for	25¢	Hard Dry Onions, 8 lbs.	25¢
100-lb. sack for	\$3.35	Finest Bonbon Assortment, 3-lb. boxes	95¢
Hand-Rolled Chocolates, 3-lb. boxes for	95¢		
These are high-class chocolates.			
A fine selection of Christmas Crackers, imported direct from England. Extra values. From 25¢ to	\$1.00		

City Council Is Asked to Regulate Number of Buses On Haultain Street Route

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The Victoria City Act, the Council is given powers to regulate ply-for-hire motor travel in the city of Victoria of a class such as the Haultain bus route, and also, by the same section, given power for granting, refusing, suspending or cancelling licenses, and again for defining, prescribing, limiting or specifying the or any street or streets upon or along which ply-for-hire motor vehicles may travel. Later on in the same section you are given power for prohibiting the plying, driving or operation on or along any streets or routes, as defined, prescribing, limiting or specifying, on or along any streets of the city.

"Later on in the same section, there is a prohibition clause relating to what we call buses going beyond the one-and-one-quarter-mile limit of the city of Victoria, and also the Gorge, Quadra and Haultain Street routes. Evidently this part of the Victoria City Act was framed entirely to deal with the jitney business as it existed in Victoria in 1920, and pursuant to this you entered into an agreement with the B.C. Electric, but the aforesaid three routes and one-and-one-quarter-mile buses could not be prohibited by you.

OAK BAY ROUTE

Mr. Foot stated that his clients, the Blue Line, started operating the Oak Bay buses last September, and their route was into the city by Yates Street in a westerly direction, then southerly along Douglas Street, then out of the city in an easterly direction along Port Street.

"It was objected to by the B.C. Electric, and on December 9 last the council passed a by-law compelling my clients to keep away from that part of Port Street where it intersects Douglas Street and as far as the top of Yates Street, thereby creating a monopoly on this particular street in favor of the B.C. Electric, on the grounds that it had its rails in and presumably that a competitive line was not needed there. In retaliation for the Blue Line operating in Oak Bay, the B.C. Electric has put on a competitive bus line on the Haultain route, where you will agree an excellent service has been given and there is no real need for a competitive route."

Mr. Foot claimed that the city undoubtedly had the inherent right to regulate and govern all traffic on the city streets and regardless of its class. He said he felt sure that the council would act impartially in this matter, and asked it to enact a similar by-law covering the Haultain route as it did in its by-law on December 9 last and covering the Port Street route. He pointed out that the Haultain route there were many bad corners along Fernwood Road, and a multiplicity of buses only added to the general hazard of over-crowding, and contended there was not sufficient business to warrant competitive companies operating on this Haultain route in order to give the citizens the best service possible.

DEFENSES COUNCIL

Mayor Herbert Anscomb denied that the present council had created a monopoly in its by-law of December 9. "The city entered into an agreement with the B.C. Electric in 1920, and all the present council had done was to carry it out," he stated. Mr. Foot claimed that the council's action was discriminatory in favor of the B.C. Electric, but the Mayor said, "I won't let you get away with that statement. This council did not create a monopoly."

His Worship asserted that the order referring the matter to the legal department.

Alderman Dewar voiced the opinion that the B.C. Electric was not interfering with the Haultain traffic any more than the Blue Line was interfering with the Oak Bay traffic.

"It is retaliation on the part of the B.C. Electric," Mr. Foot said. Mr. Foot asked Alderman Dewar if, as an alderman, he was going to represent the B.C. Electric or the interests of the citizens of Victoria.

INTERESTS OF CITIZENS

Alderman Dewar replied that the interests of the citizens were not being interfered with on Haultain Street if an additional bus service was being given there.

"I'm not saying that the B.C. Electric may not be somewhat to blame. Perhaps they are," Alderman Dewar stated.

Mr. Foot said he knew that Alderman Dewar would not show any partiality in dealing with the issue. Alderman Dewar declared the matter of transportation a large and vital question affecting the city of Victoria, and he would like to see the rival companies get together and settle the issue. "It is easy to fight," he said.

Mr. Foot assured the council that "all we want is to carry on business." The matter was referred to the city legal department by the council.

MEMORANDUM

During the meeting Mr. Foot submitted to the council the following memorandum covering negotiations:

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car returns and the Veterans' Sightseeing Company were requested by the British Columbia Electric to withdraw their operation from Oak Bay, and if they would do so the British Columbia Electric would agree to hire their buses regardless of the number of passengers carried and that the buses should act as feeders to their street cars in Oak Bay. The Veterans' Sightseeing Company advised the British Columbia Electric that they had their own dealings with the Oak Bay Council to operate this bus service and could not, of course, entertain any such offer, which would so largely get away from the service they were giving of rapid transportation from the municipality to Victoria City.

CONFERENCES HELD

Some weeks after the system was under way and the British Columbia Electric realized their mistake in not putting on the buses themselves, and finding serious reduction in the receipts from their street cars, approached the Oak Bay Council and also raised objections to the City of Victoria regarding operation on the city streets, and in particular Port Street.

Several conferences between the British Columbia Electric, representatives of Oak Bay Council and the Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company, and the City of Victoria, resulted in a number of interviews. One of these interviews was a savoring considerably of threat and intimidation against the Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company, Ltd. In fact, a particular interview in Mr. A. T. Goward's office, at the end of October, did not plainly state that their company was financially the largest provincial company operating here, and that they were not going to be interfered with in their transportation in Victoria and district by a small and insignificant company such as the Veterans' Sightseeing Company, and that if they would not agree to their terms and get off and give up the Oak Bay bus route, then the British Columbia Electric would go into the sightseeing business in Victoria and would also run competitive buses on their Haultain route, "and would run the Blue Line and the Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company off the streets of Victoria"; that the British Columbia Electric had the money behind them to do it, and would crush the smaller company if the necessary arose. At this particular interview, besides Mr. Goward, there was Mr. Tripp, Reeve Hayward and Secretary Blandy, of the Municipality of Oak Bay, together with Messrs. Townend, Alken and Sangster, of the Veterans' Sightseeing Company, and their solicitor, Mr. E. H. M. Foot.

MET OAK BAY COUNCIL

Negotiations were continued by the Veterans' Sightseeing Company and the Oak Bay Council, and subsequently the Oak Bay Council passed certain by-laws pursuant to their powers under the "Municipal Act," limiting the routes the buses were to operate on in Oak Bay and granting a licence for the Oak Bay buses. The British Columbia Electric, through their agents, agents or representatives, continued to endeavor to negotiate with the Veterans' Sightseeing Company, who could not consider dealing with them on the basis of their terms, and as a further condition of this payment that they were to give the British Columbia Electric an option for a period of two or three years to purchase the Haultain bus route at a price to be determined by arbitration; that the British Columbia Electric would not take over or pay anything for the buses and equipment on either the Haultain or Oak Bay bus routes. It was a further condition of this offer that they were not to attend the Oak Bay Council that night under any circumstances, and that the offer had to be accepted before 5 o'clock that day. They were also informed that if they did not agree to these terms, the British Columbia Electric would immediately compete with them on the Haultain route and would put them out of business there. There has been considerable threats against the Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company, Ltd. since they inaugurated the Oak Bay bus lines, and the British Columbia Electric Company's present attitude of endeavoring to put on a competitive Haultain bus route is merely carrying out the threats of the British Columbia Electric regarding the Oak Bay route, as there is evidently no need for a competitive system on the Haultain route, which is rendering most satisfactory service.

The Oak Bay Council have on several occasions expressed complete satisfaction as to schedule, fares, routes and general service given in Oak Bay since the inauguration of the service, and they have been most fair and straightforward in their dealings with the Veterans' Sightseeing Company. The British Columbia Electric advised the Veterans' Sightseeing Company that they had formerly considered their street car equipment would satisfactorily function for another five to eight years, and they, therefore, had no intention of putting on a bus service, but that now the Veterans' Sightseeing Company had given the people a taste of a rapid bus service to and from their homes that they could not now "drive the people into their street cars."

OPERATE AT LOSS

It is to be pointed out that in inaugurating any services such as the Haultain or Oak Bay services that they must necessarily operate at a serious loss at their inception. The Veterans' Sightseeing Company operated the Haultain route at a heavy loss at the beginning, and it is only during the last six or eight months that it is commencing to make a satisfactory profit. Up to the present time the Oak Bay route during its first three months of operation has been a very heavy loss to the company, and they are only now commencing to reap the benefits from it. During the month of last November the Veterans' Sightseeing Company signed contracts and made deposits on some five new buses at an approximate cost of \$55,000, to be operated in their bus service and for delivery next March. These buses have to be ordered some months ahead of time in order to get delivery. The chassis are being purchased from the General Motors Corporation at Oshawa, Ontario, and the bodies are being built locally by John Mealon & Company, thereby providing considerable local employment.

Summarizing the foregoing, it is evident that the Veterans' Sightseeing & Transportation Company, Ltd., have pioneered the Haultain route and the Oak Bay bus route; that the British Columbia Electric could have gone in on either of these routes, but have not seen fit to do so, in spite of the express provisions provided by the "Victoria City Act" since 1920. They now see an ambitious and enterprising local Victoria company, consisting entirely of Victoria capital, pioneering these routes, giving an exceptionally fine service, satisfying their patrons and getting the business, which they themselves refused to consider, and now on account of the great financial reserve of the British Columbia Electric, threatening to put this local company off the streets of Victoria. The public and patronage of the Haultain bus route are unanimous in stating that there is no need whatever for a competitive bus service on this route at the present time, and will not be so as long as the present company gives the service they have been and are now giving.

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Indian states, during which the Viceroy was everywhere greeted with enthusiasm.

Additional importance was attached to the conference held today from the fact that the All-India Congress will open at Lahore on Thursday to consider what action shall be taken by the congress party. At the beginning of the year it was announced that if Dominion status was not granted to India by December 31, a campaign of civil resistance to British rule would be started.

In October, Viceroy Lord Irwin stated on his return from England the ultimate aim of the British rule in India was Dominion status. The action of leading leaders in asking an opportunity to meet the Viceroy today was construed as an offer of compromise.

MR. GHANDI'S DOUBTS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Some doubt about the British viewpoint of the status of India was expressed by Mahatma Gandhi, Indian leader, in a reply to a cable sent by Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P., urging co-operation following the round table conference and the Viceroy's declaration on the subject of Dominion status.

"I have done whatever possible," wrote Mr. Gandhi, "but you will be patient with me if I don't take things quite on trust. I would want some absolute guarantees that things are not what they seem. The two parliamentary debates contain nothing that could give me assurance that I may approach the conference with confidence and safety. I would far rather wait and watch and pray than run into what may, after all, be a dangerous trap, maybe quite unintended."

REFORMS ILLUSORY

"The Montague reforms have proved illusory. They have not eased the misery of the poor. On the contrary, they have demonstrably increased their burdens. The price that was paid for the reforms was altogether too heavy. I want to pay no price for Dominion status, or whatever name the reality is called by. Why should a creditor have to pay anything for the repayment of debts due to him?"

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CITY CHURCHES HOLD SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS

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SPECIAL MUSIC WILL BE USED

Solemn High Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at midnight tonight and the Holy Eucharist at St. Barnabas' will usher in the services in which a large number of the churches will give due observance to the birthday of their Lord. There will be celebration of Holy Communion tomorrow in all the Anglican churches, with morning prayer and sermon in most instances. Other congregations will follow the denominational practice.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL. Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Latimer, who will also preach the sermon. He will be assisted at Mass by Rev. W. G. Smith and Rev. A. Tournegny, S.J. There will also be sung Mass at St. Ann's Convent, at which Rev. C. E. Evans will be celebrant and preacher.

On Christmas day there will be frequent masses from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The benediction will take place after the 11 o'clock celebration.

The music at the midnight service will be under the direction of Mr. Frank J. Sehl and will be Henry Farmer's Mass in B flat as follows: Kyrie; incidental solos, Madam Griffrat; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," solos by Mr. F. I. Doherty and Mr. Maguire; Credo, chorus; Sanctus, chorus; Benedictus; solo, Miss Olive Hartree and chorus; Agnus Dei, duet, Miss Josephine Charles and Miss Maude Hartree; Offertory; "Noel" (Adam), Madam Griffrat with violin obbligato by Mrs. Spencer; Adagio Fideles (Novello arrangement), violin, Mrs. Spencer; cello, Mr. Spencer; organist, Miss Margaret McKay; choir conductor, Mr. Frank J. Sehl.

Five services of Holy Communion will be held throughout the day. Church Cathedral on Christmas Day, the hours being 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock service Christmas music will be sung by the choir, with organ accompaniment, and a sermon will be preached by the Bishop of the diocese, the Right Rev. C. D. Schofield. Evensong will be conducted by the Dean at 5:15 o'clock.

All offertories at Christmas Day services are given to the clergy widows' and orphans' fund. Services on the days following Christmas Day will be held in the chapel of the Memorial Hall: on Thursday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.; on Friday, St. John the Evangelist's Day, Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and on Saturday, Holy Innocents' Day, Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer will be said on these days at 9:30 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m.

TODAY'S SERVICES. The annual Christmas tree services will take place in the new cathedral today at 4 and 7:30 o'clock. Christmas hymns and carols will be sung, the Christmas story will be read, and a short address given at each service. Decorated boxes, in which gifts of provisions, clothing, or toys may be placed, will be found at the foot of an illuminated Christmas tree. These articles will be distributed to selected families after the evening service. Money given at the services will be used for relief purposes, under the direction of the Dean of the cathedral staff.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. St. John's Church has been beautifully decorated with a profusion of evergreens and holly in preparation for the Christmas services.

There will be Holy Communion at 7:15 and 9 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer and Holy Communion. Special Christmas music will be given at this service, including the Christmas hymns "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Angels from the Realms of Glory." The Te Deum will be sung to Smart's setting in F, and the anthem "While Shepherds Watched," by G. Jennings Burnett, will be sung by the choir, Miss Moore taking the solo part.

The pastor of St. John's, Rev. Canon F. A. P. Chadwick, will preach the sermon at this service. The pastor wishes it to be understood that his Christmas sermon will be very short, especially in view of the large number of communicants which it is expected will be present.

ST. MARY'S, OAK BAY. There will be celebrations of Holy Communion in St. Mary's tomorrow at 8:45 o'clock, 8 o'clock and 12 noon; Matins at 11 o'clock, with anthem, "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings" (Stainer). The Holy Communion will also be celebrated on Thursday at 10:30 o'clock, Friday at 8 and Saturday at 10:30. Next Sunday morning instead of

the usual sessions of the Sunday school there will be a special service commencing at 9:45 o'clock, at which it is hoped there will be a large number of boys and girls present.

ST. BARNABAS. Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, commencing at 11:45 o'clock. Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day at 8 and 11 o'clock.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL. Christmas is, above everything else, the children's feast. The Christmas tree, which stands in the nave of the church, is a beautiful reminder of that fact. Child gifts may be placed at the foot of the tree before the services. These are as follows: 7 o'clock, Holy Communion; 8, Holy Communion; 10:30, Matins and choral Communion; 5 o'clock, Evensong.

Tomorrow, according to traditional practice, will be given to the clergy widows and orphans' fund.

ST. LUKE'S, CEDAR HILL. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock; morning prayer, Holy Communion (choral) and sermon, at 11. The Rt. Rev. P. J. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska, will preach at this service.

In addition to the Christmas hymns and Canticles, Simpson's service in A flat will be sung and the anthem will be "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," by Maunders. The offertory will be as usual, devoted to the clergy widows and orphans' fund.

The church is being suitably decorated for the Christmas season. Morning and short address at 11. Visitors to be present.

ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock; morning prayer and sermon at 11.

COLWOOD AND LANGFORD. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. John's Church, Colwood, on Christmas Day, at 9:45 o'clock, with a short address.

A celebration of the Holy Communion and short address at St. Matthew's, Langford, on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock.

ST. MARK'S CLOVERDALE. Special services at St. Mark's, Cloverdale, Christmas Day, are Holy Communion at 8 and 11 o'clock, to be followed by hymns and Christmas carols by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. T.C.M., with Mrs. Ruby Moore at the organ. Rev. C. J. Smith will preach.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH. At Grace Lutheran Church early morning service will be held at 7 o'clock on Christmas Day. As usual the church will be decorated with the Christmas tree and the windows lighted with candles. The subject will be "Our Star." The music will include an anthem by the choir, "O Holy Night," and a solo by Mrs. J. Edmond by the choir.

Following the church custom of Northern Europe, Thursday will be observed as second-day Christmas by a choral service at 7 o'clock in the evening. Under the title "The Way to Bethlehem" the Sunday school and choir will present the story of the nativity. The well-known and popular Christmas carols as choruses and solos, and the prophetic and Gospel narrative will be retold in recitations and readings.

CENTRAL BAPTIST. An old-fashioned Christmas morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, the theme to be "The Way to Bethlehem, and see." All are invited to this one-hour service of worship.

CHURCH OF OUR LORD. This church is beautifully decorated for Christmas Day, which service will be held at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the rector, and carols.

VETERANS MAKE EXCELLENT HOSTS

Britannia Branch, Caterers to 300 Children and 100 Adults at Annual Christmas Tree

Britannia Branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., made excellent hosts to over 300 children and about 100 adults at the annual Christmas tree party held at the Foresters' Hall, Cormorant Street, yesterday.

From 2:30 o'clock to well after the stroke of 6 o'clock, it was one continual round of pleasure for children and adults. Games in the lodge room, under the direction of Miss Yard, proved amusing to the children, while songs by Tom Obee were well received. These two events were followed by refreshments, which were served in the dining-room, so popular for such functions. Here members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the branch were busily engaged in catering to children and grown-ups.

With the refreshment end of the programme carried out to the letter, the guests adjourned to the lodge room, where Christmas singing was indulged in. Then came the Christmas film, given by Harold Paffner, the part of the programme which thrilled the children perhaps the most. The grand old saint was shown performing his yearly duties, while his home for the remainder of the time was also depicted.

The grand finale of a lengthy and interesting programme came with the arrival of Santa Claus, who was D. C. Holmes in person. The "knocking" of sleigh bells heralded his arrival, and when he burst through the door into the crowded hall, the applause that greeted him literally shook the building. After making the many hundreds of presentations he wished the children and their parents a merry Christmas and slipped away amidst uproarious applause.

The committee in charge of the successful function included Messrs. Dave Sheret, J. Blair, T. Dempster, C. Limbert, C. C. Snowden and W. Saterley, A. E. Hall and W. F. Drake.

The work so efficiently carried out by the Ladies' Auxiliary, was under the direction of Mrs. Dave Sheret, president.

AMPUTATIONS PARTY. The second Christmas tree party to be staged this week by local ex-servicemen's organizations will be held on Thursday, when the Amputations Association of the Great War, Victoria Branch, will entertain in the auditorium of the Pro Patria Branch of the Canadian Legion. Mrs. Hume and Comrade Fletcher assisted at the piano.

VERDICT GIVEN IN C. & C. SUIT

SUPREME COURT DISALLOWS TWO OF CLAIMS MADE BY MR. H. P. WINSBY

Third Claim for Percentage on Certain Amounts Collected Is Held to Be Valid

Judgment was delivered in the Supreme Court yesterday, by Mr. Justice Murphy, disallowing the claim of H. P. Winsby against the C. & C. Taxi Service, Limited, for 10 per cent of the profits made by the business during the time that he was in the company's employ; a claim for payment in lieu of one month's notice said not to have been given was also unsuccessful. The judgment, however, awarded to Mr. Winsby 10 per cent of the certain sums he was instrumental in collecting for the company.

Evidence for the plaintiff was concluded yesterday morning, and Mr. H. Whitehead was called to the witness box for the defence. At the end of May, 1927, he had been instructed by Mr. A. A. Caldwell and Mr. H. Caldwell to take over the books of the company from Mr. Winsby. He had found them, he said, in a state of chaos. Some entries had been written up since March and others not since April. Mr. Winsby had made no improvements in the system of bookkeeping, which was in his time just the same as it had been formerly and as it still is.

He understood from all parties that Mr. Winsby would leave the company in about a month's time, but meanwhile would remain to assist him with explanations as to how the books had been kept and would instruct him as to what entries should be made for transactions occurring previous to the time that witness took the books over.

ENTRY EXPLAINED. One of the entries thus made credited Mr. Winsby with 10 per cent of \$9,744 profits made by the company. This amount was arrived at by including \$2,800 rent for the garage, which was not in any sense profit made by the company. He had shown the credit entry to Mr. H. Caldwell and was told that it should not have been made and would have to be corrected. Mr. Winsby had been asked by witness, "When is your month up?" and had replied, "On June 23," but had later said he would stay a few days more as the books had not yet been straightened out. When he left on June 29 he had given a cheque for "wages in full to date."

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No Solution Yet To Great Puzzle Of Unemployment

LONDON, Dec. 23.—"Quite frankly I tell you I have not solved the unemployment problem," declared Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Employment, in an address at Penze yesterday. "I wonder how many would be honest, and frankly say they expect the problem to be solved in six months?"

Mr. Thomas said the members of the Government realized that anything shaking the credit of the country must injure the very people they desired to help.

Referring to press stories on the probability of general elections next year, Mr. Thomas added he could only say "Wait and see."

TRAIL TEACHER IS MADE INSPECTOR

7347, T. G. Carter Has Been Named to Take Position With Headquarters at Kelowna

A new inspectorate in connection with the schools of the province has been established in the interior of the province. Mr. T. G. Carter, who has been headmaster of the Central School, Trail, has been named for the position, and will make his headquarters in Kelowna.

With the appointment of Mr. Carter to this position, there will be changes made in a number of the other school districts which have been overcrowded with work for some time.

Mr. Carter received his early education in Eastern Canada. He holds a first class teacher's certificate for the Province of British Columbia, and also a Grade A physical training certificate. He has also taken a part of his course in the University of British Columbia.

The new inspector's teaching career was interfered with in consequence of the war, for he enlisted for service at the outbreak of hostilities and is a war disability case.

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the position, and will make his headquarters in Kelowna.

With the appointment of Mr. Carter to this position, there will be changes made in a number of the other school districts which have been overcrowded with work for some time.

Mr. Carter received his early education in Eastern Canada. He holds a first class teacher's certificate for the Province of British Columbia, and also a Grade A physical training certificate. He has also taken a part of his course in the University of British Columbia.

The new inspector's teaching career was interfered with in consequence of the war, for he enlisted for service at the outbreak of hostilities and is a war disability case.

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Tuesday, December 24, 1929

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Nothing tends more to make for monotony and automatism in any profession or calling than the knowledge that it is a blind alleyway leading nowhere. It is the desire to make the Provincial Civil Service something more than a matter of routine and perfunctory duties that is governing the process of reform now being decided upon by Colonel Ross Napier. He has made a beginning which gives excellent promise for the future, provided the Civil Service Commissioner is endowed by the Legislature with authority sufficient to make the recommendations effective. The goal in view is to make the Provincial Civil Service a definite career, to offer to all its ranks chances of progressive advancement, to enable them by good work and enhanced knowledge to rise from grade to grade, to provide training for them as assistance to initiative and ambition, and thus to hold out hopes of increasing monetary reward for faithful, consistent and able effort.

Colonel Napier has conceived his duties on right lines. There is to be entry hereafter into the Civil Service by junior through competitive examination. There is one point connected with this which calls for comment. It is stated that successful entrants who hold high school matriculation certificates will be more favored in the matter of initial salary than those who do not. Since the examinations are to be competitive, and provided that they are a test of competency, such discrimination is unfair. Non-holders of matriculation certificates may defeat holders in the Civil Service entry test, and yet they would find those who pass lower in the test preferred above them in monetary reward. This recommendation made by Colonel Napier calls for reform. Make the examination test of a character whereby those who win high places will start their Civil Service careers under the most favorable auspices. After all, the test is to be a Civil Service test, and presumably, will be the touchstone of the attainments desirable for employment under the Provincial Government. In that case it is pertinent to ask what has a matriculation certificate to do with the matter? It is quite unnecessary to have any regulation dealing with competitive entry to the Civil Service giving special favors to those educated by the state.

COLONEL J. S. DENNIS

The coming retirement of Colonel J. S. Dennis from active service with the Canadian Pacific Railway is an event with memorable features. Among the prominent officials of that organization he has held a post of high confidence for almost thirty years, which, in the one position, is in the character of a record. During that time he has made his name and the fame of the company which he serves foremost in the colonization of Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway, through the organization which Colonel Dennis has built up so successfully, has done more in the work of peopling the Dominion than any Government, or, indeed, than all other interests combined. There is no question that personality has played a great part in this work. The railway company's chief commissioner of colonization as well as possesses exceptional knowledge of the resources of the Dominion and has known through many years the most efficient way of directing activity towards the end of placing the right settlers in the right places.

No colonization organization was ever more efficiently served than the Canadian Pacific Railway has been by Colonel Dennis. No name in this particular is better known in Great Britain than his. He possesses outstanding qualities for the work and executive powers which have won him the entire confidence not only of the heads of the railway company but of all who work with him so enthusiastically because of the respect that he inspires. Colonel Dennis will continue to act with the Canadian Pacific Railway in an advisory capacity. The hope will be expressed by all who know him that he may be spared for many years to give counsel out of a rich and ripe experience in aid of the building up of the Dominion.

NATURAL MAN AND PEACE

The propaganda of the League of Nations to promote the spirit of peace throughout the world has failed in one particular, in that so far it has not discussed natural man and his proclivities. Its propaganda, indeed, has proceeded on the assumption that "man is by nature peaceful and well-behaved." With this belief the world has been flooded with pamphlets to promote the spirit of pacifism. The goal is worthy, but in the struggle towards the ideal state fundamental causes of antagonism are ignored. Thus the campaign in large measure is one of artificiality because the natural man is held to be capable of being transformed into the ideal man by propaganda alone. It does pay to advertise in the purely material considerations of life. It is quite another question as to how publicity in favor of any cause can succeed unless it first finds a way, by going to the roots of the problem, to effect a gradual change in the functioning of human nature.

The doctrine that man "is by nature peaceful and well-behaved" runs counter to experience and is contradicted by a study of human character. Sir Bamfylde Fuller sums this up by saying that, "owing to the duality of his nature man is fundamentally disposed towards antagonism. His two personalities—dramatized as the Spirit and the Flesh—are incessantly in conflict, and this 'subjective' quarrelsome is easily externalized against an outside opponent. It will give way before physical weakness, the fear of punishment and the force of habit. But the latter is easily undermined. And, in like manner, the mental ideal of peace soon fades away before aggressive

reality." In saying this Sir Bamfylde realizes it is ungracious "to pour cold water upon the sacred fire of idealism," but the truth about natural man is being lost sight of in the attempt to reach the goal of world pacifism.

"JOURNEY'S END"

The majority of people who have seen the play "Journey's End" believe that it was written for the purpose of peace propaganda. Mrs. Philip Snowden, the wife of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, says of it that Mr. R. C. Sherriff, the author, has taught through its medium "what moral and spiritual degradation could come from international warfare." The probability is, however, that the author knows better than his critics and commentators exactly what lay in his mind in writing the famous play, and Mr. Sherriff denies that he had any view of peace propaganda. He wrote it, he says, to satisfy himself alone because he wanted to place on record a simple story of the war before the possibility of an audience in mind. He simply told the truth as one saw it with one's own eyes. He says that some of his critics appear to have viewed the play from an angle instead of straight from the front. He sincerely resents any statement that it is a disparagement to the soldier to say that war breaks men's nerves. In his play it is the fighting man who seeks to reverence and remember. This interpretation, from the man best able to interpret, should serve to clarify the diversified thoughts that have flitted through the minds of those who saw "Journey's End."

THE "LIE DETECTOR"

The so-called "Lie Detector," invented to exact confessions from those accused of crimes, sounds like a relic of the Spanish Inquisition. Its use would hardly be possible in any country today, save the United States, where the third degree persecution of those under arrest is in common practice. The "Lie Detector" could not be used in a country where the conception of justice is that a man is presumed innocent until he is proved guilty. It consists of two leather plates which are held in place by a chain on each side of the breast of an alleged criminal. A rubber tube is wound round the arm and registers the blood pressure, while a needle attached to a wire records on a graph the respiration and fluctuations in blood pressure.

The contraption, it is claimed, has been used with success to extort a confession of murder, though it is admitted that the alleged murderer denied that he had confessed, and accused a prosecuting attorney of having tortured him. The "Lie Detector" is the invention of Mr. August Vollmer, Professor Criminology at Chicago University who is also adviser to President Hoover's Crime Commission. The claim made on its behalf is that it will probe the deepest secrets of criminals under question, and that the sort of confessional will be an added terror to criminals. The truth is, however, that it will prove far less infallible than the thumbscrew and the rack.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, at 8 p.m., December 23, 1929.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES			
	Rain	Snow	Min. Max.
Victoria	.04	—	43 49
Nanaimo	.10	—	41 47
Port Moody	.01	—	40 46
Kamloops	—	—	34 36
Prince George	trace	—	24 34
Estevan Point	.04	—	38 48
Prince Rupert	.18	—	40 46
Atlin	—	—	38 40
Dawson	—	—	40b 36b
Seattle	.02	—	44 52
Portland	.04	—	48 54
San Francisco	—	—	52 54
Spokane	.24	—	46 52
Los Angeles	—	—	52 78
Penitencia	—	—	35 42
Vernon	—	—	29 40
Nelson	—	—	26 39
Cranbrook	—	—	26 39
Calgary	—	—	12 42
Edmonton	—	—	18 22
Swift Current	—	—	0 16
Prince Albert	—	—	20 40
Qu'Appelle	—	—	12 34
Winnipeg	—	—	2 20

FORECASTS

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

Vancouver and vicinity—Light to moderate winds; Vancouver and vicinity—Light to moderate winds;

MONDAY

Maximum — 49
Minimum — 43
Average — 46

Minimum on record — 40
Maximum on record — 46

General state of weather, cloudy. Rain, 34 inch.

5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; wind, S., 4 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.06; calm; raining.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.86; calm; cloudy.
Prince George—Barometer, 29.74; wind, S., 16 miles; cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.48; wind, S.E., 8 miles; raining.
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.98; wind, S.E., 8 miles; raining.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.04; wind, S., 20 miles; cloudy.
Portland—Barometer, 30.20; wind, S., 6 miles; cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.10; wind, S., 16 miles; cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; wind, N.W., 4 miles; fair.

THE CULTIVATION OF FOREST LAND

"Should the forest be exploited like a mine or like a wheat field?" Mr. Finlayson, director of the Forest Department, in the Dominion Ministry of the Interior, asked his audience the other day. The exploitation of the forest, he continued, should be carried out like the cultivation of arable land. There should be no cutting great trees in the forest without planting new ones immediately, since they take so long to grow. In this respect the extravagance and imprudence of former generations are having the most dire results today. Our forest reserves, though still considerable, are greatly reduced, and it is thanks to the care of Governments that the different companies manufacturing pulp or exporting timber are now working on the reforestation of areas which have been denuded by the axe of man.—Three Rivers Nouvelle.

A SAVAGE DRINK

The tyranny of the cocktail is being broken at last. For a time, with the awful impetus of a new fashion, it carried all before it. But a few lovers of good food and sound wine refused to vitiate their palates; a few who appreciate the value of healthy digestion declined to pour crude spirits into an empty receptacle. These faithful ones have weathered the storm. A new number of those who regularly abstain from cocktails is rapidly growing. Let us hope we shall soon have seen the last of these alien decoctions.—London Daily Mail.

Short as life is, we make it still shorter by the careless waste of time.—Victor Hugo.

Men, like bulls, go farthest when they are smoothest.—Jean Paul Richter.

Patience cannot remove, but it can always dignify and alleviate misfortune.—Laurence Sterne.

Note and Comment

By R. R. D.

Our learned friends the astronomers, whose knowledge of the movements of "the heavenly bodies" is almost awesome in its profundity, tell us that the sun has reached the end of its annual pilgrimage to the regions of the South, that Saturday last was the shortest day in the year and that from then until the 21st day of June the days will grow longer and the nights shorter. We hear a great deal these days about doing things scientifically. The ancient calendar by which we measure the progress of time and the march of the seasons was not the product of a scientific mind—for we are almost sure that if an astronomer had produced our calendar it would have been produced upon a scientific and logical basis, not upon an arbitrary and illogical basis.

Of course, during the spiritual and temporal reign of Pope Gregory, and long before that time, people who knew little or nothing about astronomy did know that about this season of the year the days began to grow longer and the nights shorter, but very few of those people could tell their neighbors with mathematical accuracy the precise day and hour when the sun had finished his season's work in southern lands and was on his way back to begin his work in northern regions. If the people of the present day are better informed, their knowledge has been imparted to them by the astronomers and mathematicians. If an astronomer and mathematician were instructed to prepare a new calendar, he surely would begin the new year on the day which marks the return of the orb of day from the continents "down below."

Logically and psychologically, the 22nd day of December, not the 1st day of January, should be the red letter day for the beginning of the new year. The people in the northern parts of the world are all in a more hopeful frame of mind when they know that when the sun sets in the evening it will rise in the morning a measure or two nearer and a degree or two warmer, and that while for most of them the winter may not have done its worst, with every day that passes they will be at least a day's march nearer the bright days of Spring and the warm days of Summer.

And yet notwithstanding astronomical knowledge, mathematical facts, promptings of logic and fancies of psychology, it is not going to be an easy matter to persuade the people of the world to scrap the old calendar and construct and adopt a new system of measuring time and seasons. Our friend of intensely mathematical and practical mind, Mr. Moses Cotsworth, who is going up and down through the world looking for things that are crooked and trying to make them straight, has prepared what he calls a reformed calendar. His reformed calendar is not based upon either the knowledge of astronomers or the feelings of psychologists. It is based upon business and economic principles. Like the mechanical devices of Henry Ford, it has been devised for the purpose of saving time and preventing waste of human energy.

But there are factors in this scheme for reforming the calendar which we fear Mr. Cotsworth has not taken into consideration. The creator of the new calendar says the League of Nations has endorsed it and recommended the world to adopt it. He also says he is sanguine the world will adopt it. The factors Mr. Cotsworth has not given consideration are the natural conservatism of multitudes of people and the antagonism of the religious leaders of the people. Under the religious institutions that have been set up there is a regular procession of feast days and holy days which are celebrated throughout the world upon dates fixed by the existing calendar.

If the year were divided into thirteen months of an equal number of days, with an extra day or two unattached to any particular month, such a division might simplify the work of the business world, but it undoubtedly would complicate the system of the ecclesiastical world. Anyone who has lived in the Canadian Province of Quebec will readily understand the difficulties which the Government of St. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King would encounter if it were to undertake to officially proclaim its denunciation of the Gregorian calendar and its adoption of the Cotsworth calendar. The League of Nations may be as powerful an insti-

tution as its supporters and advocates believe it to be, but there is one institution which is more powerful, and until the reformed calendar is adopted by that institution it will never be accepted by Canada nor by some other nations that at present are more powerful in the affairs of the world than Canada. In the meantime astronomically we have entered the Winter solstice, and we entered it upon a day that was more like the beginning of gentle Spring than the beginning of stern Winter.

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted unless the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

TURKEY SHOOTING

Sir,—A number of calls have been received by the S.P.C.A., asking that some active measure be taken to prevent the turkey shoots. These calls are not of the majority, but by persons who will not tolerate a continual public nuisance. I may say during our rounds of investigation (Inspector Allen and the writer, we were invariably met with the greatest courtesy and immediate show of respect for the system of disposing of the birds. In most cases we found a moving metal disc and also the usual shooting gallery targets. The old system of shooting the turkey's head as it appeared at intervals from a metal box, seemingly, had created the idea that the birds are slowly learning caution in matching their heads with the bullets, so that shooting off the turkey's head is just a rapid advance of human ideals, of advertisement, to stimulate attendance, and quite contrary to the information given the public a few days ago that inhuman practices were still being indulged in.

JOHN T. BRADEN.
Acting Secretary-Treasurer S.P.C.A.,
Victoria Branch, Victoria, B.C.,
December 21, 1929.

INFLUENZA GERM

Sir,—In The Colonist of December 14 appeared a lengthy paragraph with the heading "Influenza Germ Has Been Found." I pointed out that there had been several claims to this discovery already. Two days after the announcement of the discovery the press announced through the American Medical Association that this claim was discredited, but I failed to notice any reference to this disclaimer in your columns.

In The Colonist of Sunday, December 22, appears a short editorial, which, above all sickness, anxiety, which, above all nations, is anxious to the side of generosity to the men who fought for her and were not lucky enough to die. Instead of that policy of generosity, the present Government, not to go any further back, has displayed a meanness and parsimonious spirit towards these men and their dependents that Canada resents bitterly.

This little taunt at the expense of the local anti-influenza society seems to be—from a business viewpoint—judged, because one naturally avoids any association with a company which stresses the question of "research" (a word preferred by some to "investigation"). The names of such companies are, of course, not unknown to us and possibly we should be grateful, after all, for the reminder.

As to the discovery of the influenza germ, there are generally more ways than one of looking at a question, and so one wonders whether the discovery of this so-called germ is desired just yet.

The Times Trade and Engineering Journal for February 1, 1929, had an article on the subject which read in part:

"In the Medical Research Council we possess a body capable of conducting a great campaign against influenza, provided that the means of carrying out the campaign are made available. What an object for charitable bequest or for present charity! How inspiring! It is known that a really efficient, perfectly equipped army of workers was engaged in season and out. In obtaining knowledge, a unit infirmity."

More follows by way of an appeal to public sentiment for capital. Was Dr. Falk, of Chicago, inconveniently premature in announcing his discovery? Have other so-called "discoveries" been equally premature?

DORA KITTO.
Hon. Secretary Canadian Anti-Vivisection Society, 315 Bayward Building, Victoria, B.C., December 23, 1929.

SAANICH HIGH SCHOOL

Sir,—I have seen a letter in connection with the High School, by Trustee Fyvie. I well remember that when the High School matter was laid before the Council early this year and a by-law for \$72,000 asked to be placed before the people, it was supposed to be a finished project on which Trustee Fyvie assured us he had spent fifty-five hours of intensive thought.

This, of course, left little or no thinking to be done by anyone else. In view of this, I would like to know why Trustee Fyvie has entirely changed this plan and had another think coming as to school sites, and also now two by-laws for \$120,000.

I will submit that, at the worst, a rockpile is preferable to a mudhole. Even if the mudhole is on Reynolds Street, and the site which Trustee Fyvie recommended in the first place is a low-lying piece of land on Reynolds Street, in the Lake Hill district, belonging to the Hudson's Bay Company. In other words, the site first proposed is a swamp, and not to be compared to either the Rock Street site or the Blenkinsop site of seven acres each—one of the sites beautiful land, and only a few blocks away from the location where Trustee Fyvie wanted the High School. These two sites were owned by the Municipality and were offered by the Reeve and Council to the School Board for nothing. All

Jots From Geography



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credit to the Reeve for turning Trustee Fyvie's first plan down.
W. STUBBS,
Councillor for Ward Four,
Ralph Street, Saanich, B.C., December 21, 1929.

Says Pensions Act Calls for Revision

(From The Toronto Mail and Empire)

This newspaper carried yesterday a letter from a soldier's wife that presents a case of usual red-tapeism, to use a mild word, by which a soldier's wife has been refused a pension on the grounds that he was a tubercular patient when he was accepted as medically fit to live for months in the trenches, and mud and slush as a fighter of Canada's battles. This is but one of hundreds that have come under our attention, and half were offered to the public many full pages of many issues of the press would be required to contain them. A medical member of the Pension Board was once heard to remark over a game of chess that every man "boarded" was understood as trying to "put something over on us," and the board itself is itself to resist almost any evidence that was not politically sound and socially backed on the Hill. The regime of sheer heartlessness and stupidity has sickened Canada, which, above all nations, is anxious to the side of generosity to the men who fought for her and were not lucky enough to die.

Instead of that policy of generosity, the present Government, not to go any further back, has displayed a meanness and parsimonious spirit towards these men and their dependents that Canada resents bitterly.

When Sir Arthur Currie and Chief Justice of Ontario publicly declared against the practice of the Pension Board, there is reason for others to demand an accounting of its work. For Sir Arthur speaks only when he knows and is no partisan of any clique. Nor can it be urged that the Government arm board have conserved Canada's interests. For salaries for all sorts of machinery that grinds so poor a grist for our soldiers, scores of millions have been spent. There is no sign of poverty anywhere, but only when distillate men and women come asking for a measure of common justice—then the armchair officers of the board become eager custodians of Canada's cash.

It is well known that many young fellows, eager to get back home after the war, were "boarded" out at, and when disease developed wounds reopened, and loss of employment resulted, they were met by the excuse, "postwar disability." Nothing could be done. These are not legends; they are grim facts that hundreds of youths endured. One young chap died from a malignant form of T.B. within ten months of his discharge. This was in New Brunswick. Except for some short hospital care, he received nothing and his widowed mother never had a cent—it was a "postwar" development! It is pointless to recite cases! The cheese-paring meanness of the Governments and of the Pension Board (which is "outside of politics") has disgusted Canadians, and there is a universal demand that justice, and even more than justice, be done to the men and their dependents. The medical officers have set themselves, with some exceptions, to disprove every claim before them, and as Sir Arthur Currie said, the whole miserable and paltry scheme must be rewritten and reacted on lines of generous treatment to our soldiers, their wives, children and parents. If anything makes men see red it is the sight of fellows who never heard a shot fired drawing liberal pensions or sitting in armchair jobs while the real men of the war are limping about the streets offering pencils for sale or trying to find some illusive job to keep home together. This is a national duty and privilege, not a matter for "poppy funds" nor for any other spasmodic charity.

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Strawberry Vale Has Christmas Treat

STRAWBERRY VALE, Dec. 23.—The children of the Strawberry Vale School enjoyed a Christmas treat on Friday morning, when the pupils of Miss Lorimer and Miss Simpson assembled in the small school, where a short programme of recitations and songs marked the holiday closing. Gifts for the children were distributed from a well-laden tree, the teachers also receiving dainty gifts from the children. Candies, fruit and nuts were distributed by the teachers before the children were dismissed.

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As the result of a satisfactory year's business the staff of the Imperial Bank of Canada are in receipt of a handsome Christmas bonus.

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The splendid happiness of childhood was again wonderfully exemplified at the annual Christmas tree party at the Queen Alexandra So-Larium at Malahat Beach yesterday afternoon. Gloriously oblivious to the handicap of crutches and splints and "strappings," the children entered hilariously into the fun and excitement of the hour, and produced an entertainment which kept an audience of grown-ups laughing heartily from first to last.

The two hours of unabated fun began at 3 o'clock when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie having arrived, the curtain was drawn aside to disclose the "Mad Hatters' Tea Party" from "Alice in Wonderland" in full swing, with the March Hare (Ottillie Boyd), the Mad Hatter (Donnie Boyd), the White Rabbit (Alice Mary Sikore) and the Sleepy Dormouse (Joan Miller) exchanging remarks, personal and otherwise, between the munching of buns and pouring of tea. Complete absence of self-consciousness, an intense appreciation of dramatic situation, and extraordinarily fine preparation of the dialogue made this and all the subsequent episodes of the programme remarkably enjoyable. Each child was word perfect and delivered his lines in a clear voice easily audible in the farthest corner of the hall.

The plaintive treble-voiced comment of Alice, just before the curtains closed on the Mad Hatter and his guests, that "this is the stupidest party I was ever at," was certainly not endorsed by the onlookers, who applauded the act enthusiastically.

DELIGHTFUL DIALOGUE

There followed a delightful little dialogue in rhyme between Bo-peep (Barbara Hutcheon) and Boy Blue (Royce Wright), which concluded with naive vows of eternal love on both sides; a droll parody of "Two Black Crosses" entitled "The Black Jacks" most superbly played by Alice Ames and Donald Maxwell, very tired as to manner and very black as to complexion, and a rollicking play by all the "up" children. This last introduced all the popular nursery characters, "Polly" (of "Put-the-Kettle-on" fame), played by Minnie Gordon; Miss Muffet, played by Dorothy Comber; Jill, Marlene Hutcheon; Bo-peep, Barbara Hutcheon; Jack Frost, Joan Miller; Santa Claus, Alex Ames; Jack and Jill, Jimmie Love and Marlene Hutcheon; Little Boy Blue, Royce Wright; Jack Horner, Robert McAnany, and Simple Simon, Basil Whiting. "The Merry Day" was a portrayal of typical Christmas, and a happy child's day, and included the mixing of a Christmas pudding by three little aproned maidens, Annie Lowe, Marjorie Wier and Mary Sikore, the dancing of a country dance, "Gathering Pease-cod," which was a particularly merry and graceful episode, and the opening by Jack Horner of a balloon pie from which each of the children received a gaily-colored balloon before joining hands and dancing round the holly-decked bowl.

Mrs. Hutcheon, the teacher, and her assistant, Miss Chapman, were responsible for the preparation of the children and were subsequently the recipients of hearty congratulations. Miss Louisa, furnished the incidental music for the little country dance and other incidents. The attractive and colorful paper costumes, which evidently gave the small actors immediate pleasure, were almost entirely their own handwork, although designed by their teachers.

REOUNDING CHEERS

At the close of the entertainment three resounding cheers for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and other guests were given by the children.

The distribution of gifts followed. The tree in the little children's ward was disrobed first and the larger children's last. Santa Claus, cheerfully impersonated by Lord Colville, was welcomed with a chorus of wondering exclamations from the tiny bedridden folk, who waited with extraordinary self-control until their turns came to receive gifts from the tree or the great bag Santa carried on his back. The wards were a happy litter of soldiers, toy houses, wooden dogs and dolls, mechanical trains, merry-go-rounds, tops and other diverting things before the grownups repaired to the playroom for tea.

Under Dr. Wace's and Miss Sikore's direction the wards, corridors and offices had been beautifully decorated, and a fine festive atmosphere prevailed.



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MR. Alfred Heather as Henry Lawes in "Christmas With Herrick," in the Old English Yuletide Festival which is being staged at the Empress Hotel. This famous singer, who was a soloist in Westminster Abbey and who appeared in the principal role in "The Beggar's Opera," won the hearts of all in the opening concert of the series last night.

Air pervaded the place. Among the visitors were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie, Captain Money, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nichol, Lord Colville, Mr. and Mrs. Corrie Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Louisa, Rev. E. M. Wallis (honorary chaplain), Captain Money, Mr. and Mrs. Wingate White, Mrs. Wace and the following members of the So-Larium directorate and their wives: Mr. Curtis Sampson, Mr. Charles Williams, Sir Richard Lake, Mr. W. B. Langman, Mr. W. Bapcock, Mr. Hudson, Mr. G. H. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dunlop and Mrs. Glosner.

Obituary

HEATHERINGTON—Harry Ashton Heatherington, late of the royal Northwest Mounted Police, passed away yesterday morning in his sixty-third year. The funeral will be held from the bands Funeral Chapel on Thursday at 3 o'clock, Rev. R. Connell officiating. Interment will be at Cowood Cemetery.

HASWELL—The death took place Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital of Walter Francis Haswell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. J. Haswell, of 2405 Cranmore road, aged six years. He was born in Winnipeg. The funeral will take place this morning, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:30 o'clock. Ten minutes later mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. Father C. E. Evans. The remains will be laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery.

DOWNES—Funeral service for Mr. Gordon Downes yesterday afternoon, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1:30 o'clock for St. Mary's, Oak Bay, where Rev. Canon Nunna officiated. Rev. Horner, Connell taking the graveside services at Royal Oak Burial Park. Hymns sung were, "Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love" and "Peace, Perfect Peace." There was a profusion of flowers. The pallbearers were Captain F. G. Dexter, Colonel Angus, Mr. Arthur Crease, Mr. Whittemore, Rev. W. Morgan and Mr. L. Richardson.

SQUAREBRIGGS—The death took place Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital of Herbert John Squarebriggs, age forty-five years. He was born in Prince Edward Island and had been a resident of this city for the last seven years, lately residing at 2661 Douglas Street. He was married and had three step-children at home, his parents, two brothers and two sisters in Vancouver. Services were conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the Sands Funeral Chapel by Rev. Thomas Keyworth, and the remains were forwarded to Vancouver, where services will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the chapel of Centre & Hannah. The remains will be cremated.

VINALL—The death took place yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Frank Vinall, age fifty-eight years, born in Ditchling Terrace, England, and a resident of this city for the past nineteen years. He was married and had two sons, Francis H. of Tacoma, and Herbert Vinall, of this city; also one grandchild. The funeral will take place on Friday, December 27, at 2 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Adjutant Merritt will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

HOWELL—The funeral of the late William Howell, who passed away in this city December 20, was held yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. There were many sympathizing friends present and beautiful floral tributes were received, testifying to the high esteem in which the late Mr. Howell was held. Rev. Canon A. E. de L. Nunna officiated. The hymn "Abide With Me" was sung. Mrs. A. Howell rendered as a solo, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. M. Gibson, John Craig, B. A. Howell, T. L. Erb, A. C. Williams and A. Craig. Interment was made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

In City Police Court

In the city police court yesterday, David Brocher was further remanded for sentence. A charge of driving while intoxicated, made against John White, and a charge of vagrancy against Stanley Walker, were also remanded. James Borland, who pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy, was released on suspended sentence.

HEAVY RAINS HELP AVERAGE

DWNPUR OF SUNDAY BRINGS DECEMBER PRECIPITATION UP 1.71 INCHES

Only Series of Cloudbursts Could Alter Serious Drought Condition Shown in 1929

The torrential rains of the twenty-four-hour period between 5 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday helped appreciably to bring the month's precipitation nearer to the average 4.81 inches. But there is still 20 inch due. In the above-mentioned period 1.71 inches fell. The total precipitation for the preceding part of the month was 2.21 inches. The annual December average is 4.81.

While December has proved an almost normal month, it has failed to redeem the unusual condition shown in an examination of the year's record. To date 1929 is the driest twelve-month shown in the meteorological annals of Victoria, with a total precipitation of only 16.29 inches. Following immediately in the wake of another subnormal year an unusual condition is resulting in empty wells at a season when these are ordinarily overflowing. The rainfall in 1928 was only 19.80 inches, which was very little better than the year 1889, when the total precipitation was 18.56 inches. The heaviest annual precipitation recorded since records have been preserved here was in 1893, when the total reached 50.22 inches. The average precipitation is 27.37 inches.

It will be seen from the above figures that while it is still possible for the December average rainfall to be made up before the end of the month, nothing short of a series of cloudbursts could possibly bring up the yearly total to the average with 11.68 inches still needed.

Reports of general weather conditions received at the Meteorological Bureau last evening show mild weather extending eastward as far as Alberta, but a distinct drop in the temperatures in Alaska and the Yukon. Dawson, Y.T., at 5 p.m. yesterday reported forty degrees below zero, and the mercury still falling.

The Rhyming Optimist

By Aline Michaelis

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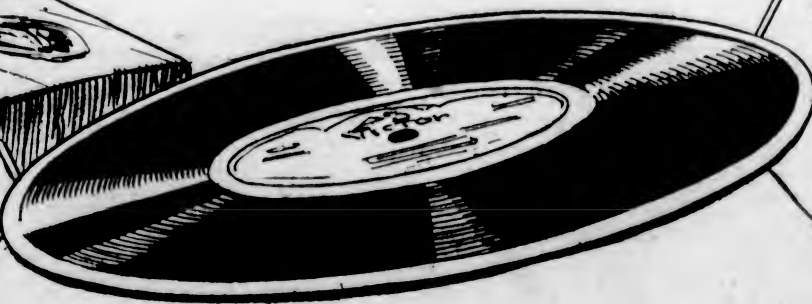
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Social and Personal

Personals, Parties Visitors

Leaves for Des Moines
Dr. J. S. Plaskett, director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, left yesterday for Des Moines, where he will attend the sessions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. As chairman of the astronomical section of the association and retiring vice-president, he will give an address, which ranks as one of the most important of the meeting, the sessions of which will continue from Thursday next until the end of the following week.

British Columbian Visitors
Among the latest visitors who have registered their names at the office of the Agent-General for British Columbia, are: Captain and Mrs. G. G. Colquhoun, of Victoria; Mr. Norman A. Gallison, Colonel Reginald A. Chaplin, Miss Edith H. Carleson, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. J. W. Hobbs, of Vancouver; and Messrs. W. C. Hall, F. A. Christal and R. P. Matheson.

At Devonshire House
Guests registered at Devonshire House include Mrs. Greppin, Hollywood, Cal.; Miss P. M. Davis, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. and Miss Hodges, Okanagan Lake; Miss Harder, Dunsmuir; Miss K. Ross, Hume, Berwickshire, Scotland.

At Yacht Club
Mrs. Homer Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Charlewood entertained at a dance last evening at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, in honor of their daughters, Miss Dallas Homer Dixon and Miss Pamela Charlewood.

To Spend Holiday
Miss Tessa Thomson, Vancouver, will arrive on this afternoon's boat to spend Christmas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid L. Llewellyn, 3710 Saanich Road.

Visiting Here
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Knapton, of the University of Washington, are spending the Christmas holidays with the parents of the former, of Quadra Street.

From Mainland
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cummins, and their daughter, from Vancouver, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Cummins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Pendray.

From Ioco
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lueby and their little daughter are here from Ioco, B.C., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Norris, Douglas Street.

From Alberta
Miss Lillian Milne, of Vermilion, Alberta, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Milne, 314 Vancouver Street.

At Empress Hotel
Miss Florence Cottingham, of Edmonton, is spending the holiday season at the Empress Hotel with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Forrest.

Here for Christmas
Mr. W. Bruce Bredin, of Kelowna, is here for Christmas, the guest of Major and Mrs. Roberts.

Leaves for South
Miss N. Steery has left for a trip to California.

From Southampton
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, 1715 Stanley Avenue, have as their guest Miss Dorothy Cox, of Southampton, England.

Sail for England
Major Hutton and his niece, Miss A. M. Molesworth, of West Summerland, have sailed for England via Panama.

From Seattle
Miss Ethel Rhodes, R.N., of Seattle, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. Rhodes, Terrace Avenue.

Chemainus Socials
Mrs. H. Dobinson and her daughter, Miss Margaret Dobinson, have returned home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Dobinson motored to Victoria to bring them up.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jacobson and Kathleen Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long and their two children have gone to Seattle for the Christmas season. Mrs. Jacobson and Mrs. Long intend to stay until the New Year.

Mrs. D. Bonde and her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Cook, were recent visitors to Victoria.

Miss Margaret Laidlaw, who is finishing her education in Vancouver, has returned to her home for Christmas.

Master Dick Hahed, who is attending high school in Ladysmith, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hahed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Dunne and their small son, Delbert, are the guests of Mrs. Dunne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Dunne intend to stay in Chemainus for some time.

Mrs. Victor McMillan, of Longview, Washington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dyke, of Crofton.

Weddings

HOLLAND-TAYLOR

A pretty wedding took place in Fairfield United Church on Saturday evening, when Rev. Hugh Nixon united in marriage Olive Eva, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Taylor, 85 Wellington Avenue, to Mr. Norman Holland, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, formerly of Victoria.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a beautiful gown of white georgette over white satin. The three-tier skirt was caught at the low waistline with a diamond buckle, and was short in front, dipping to ankle length at the back. Her embroidered veil was arranged cap fashion and she carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses.

The wedding music was played by Miss Isabelle Pike. Miss Margaret Taylor was the only attendant, and wore a smart frock of yellow satin and a picture hat. She carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums.

To Pipe at Children's Ball



MISS Lillian Grant, who will pipe His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie into the ballroom at the children's fancy dress ball, which will be held at the Empress Hotel on Friday evening, The Premier and Mrs. Tolmie and many prominent citizens will be present, and a large number of tickets have been sold. Supper will be served to the children at 9 o'clock, after which dancing will continue for the older guests until 1 o'clock.

Mr. Arnold Taylor was best man, and the brides were Mr. George Oyon and Mr. Cecil Jones. Mrs. E. Woodward sang the solo, "Because," while the register was being signed.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, which had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. H. K. Prior and friends of the bride. Mrs. Prior was also responsible for the charming decorations at the church.

The bride and groom were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Wyatt Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Holland left on the night boat for Vancouver, and on their return will make their home in Victoria. For the bride, the bride wore a costume of cocoa-brown georgette trimmed with eucalyptus lace and a seal coat trimmed with sable collar and cuffs.

The out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hood, of Lang Sack, and Mrs. L. O. Jackson, of Munson, Alberta.

Piano Recital

On Saturday evening, Mrs. Gertrude Marshall gave a demonstration with two of her oldest pupils, for beginners at her studio on Chapman Street.

Work of one term, or ten weeks, was reviewed, which included theory, technique and musical interpretation in its earliest phases. Ear training and rhythm were also included. The following took part: Charlie Rhodes, Marjorie Beach, Mary Riddle, Margaret Stewart, John Stewart, Jeanette Kinsinger, Ellen Hartley, Veronica Hartley, Nellie Thompson, Eleanor Rogers, John Kinsinger, Tommy Rhodes, Arthur Strang and Alma Jenkins.

Three of Mrs. Marshall's private pupils assisted on the programme by playing "Serenade Barcarolle" (Sabathini), Peggy Fatt; "Violetta" (Krogmann), Mona Laird; "Rondo in F" (Fred Stokes, Mrs. A. W. Stokes, one of Victoria's leading soloists, sang very beautifully the "Waltz Song" from Tom Jones' opera, and "Rose of My Heart" (Lohr).

South Pender, Saturna

Mrs. H. A. Spalding and Mrs. Spalding-Irving returned from Victoria last week.

Master Alan Crane is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crane, South Pender.

Major J. O'Reilly spent a few days on his farm at South Pender last week.

Major and Mrs. W. V. Pender and family returned to their home at South Pender on Tuesday, where they will reside for the next few months.

Mr. A. R. Spalding is in Vancouver, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. H. Walker.

Master Wyndol S. Irving is spending the holidays on South Pender.

The South Pender school held its annual "break up" and Christmas tree on Friday under the able management of Miss Tobin. A most enjoyable entertainment took place. Refreshments were served before the party broke up.

Miss Tobin has returned to her home in Victoria, where she will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobin.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Randle, of Nanaimo, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, and a large reception will be held on Thursday evening to which one hundred and fifty guests are invited. Mr. and Mrs. Randle were married in St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo, in 1879 by Rev. W. L. Newton. Their five children are Mrs. C. V. Goldwell and Mrs. J. W. Cairns, of Vancouver; Mrs. J. Winterbottom, of Dryden, Ont.; Mrs. F. E. Anderson, of Victoria, and Mr. Cyril Randle, of Nanaimo.

Society Notes From Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—For many years this festive season of the year has been chosen by Major-General and Mrs. A. D. McTear for an annual ball. Previous to this year the event had been held on New Year's Eve, but since the list of guests has steadily increased the hosts have decided to divide their hospitality, giving one ball before Christmas and the other on New Year's Eve. The latter one is invariably a fancy dress affair, and this year will feature Oriental costumes.

On Friday evening Major-General and Mrs. McTear, assisted by their guests, Mrs. Frances Hartley, of Victoria, and Mrs. Donald Hogarth, of Toronto, received a large number of guests. "Hyocroft" was in gala attire in a gown of moiré, and a charming Christmas motif of holly and poinsettias was effectively carried through the rooms and spacious halls. Mrs. McTear looked very handsome in a gown of moiré, the shade of pink azaleas, low necked with deep V effect at the back, where at the waist was posed a bow. The skirt was full and long. Mrs. Frances Hartley was lovely in black chiffon velvet, with a silver flower as the only decoration, at her shoulder. Mrs. Hogarth wore an imported model of turquoise blue chiffon, with high velvet waist line and bouffant skirt.

There were a number of dinner parties given prior to the ball. Among the hosts were: Brig-General and Mrs. J. A. Clark, who chose Jericho Country Club for the setting. Covers were laid for Capt. and Mrs. George Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Des Brisay, Col. and Mrs. J. P. Fell, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Alexander, Col. John Peter McKendle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hager were also hosts at dinner at their home on Connaught Drive, when their guests included Hon. Chief Justice and Mrs. Aulay Morrison, Major and Mrs. Angus McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Bell-Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Wilson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ladner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Eckman, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chedey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayne Daly Hamilton entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. P. Graves, Col. and Mrs. T. A. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boulton had at their guests Col. and Mrs. Victor Spencer, Major and Mrs. J. C. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitall, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Blackwell.

Another dinner host was Mrs. R. G. Wood, who entertained Mrs. George Risteen, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McD. Russell, Mr. Leon Dreyfus, Mrs. A. B. Trites, Mr. E. J. Coyle, Mr. Reginald Beddington, and Mr. Reginald McDougall.

One of the larger parties of the week was given on Thursday afternoon at Hotel Vancouver, when two brothers, Mr. Richard and Mr. Waugh Wylie entertained prior to the dinner hour at a cocktail party.

The affair was given in honor of Major-General and Mrs. A. D. McTear and their guest, Mrs. Donald Hogarth, of Toronto. The setting was most elaborately carried out. The marriage table was decorated with Poinsettias, cedar boughs and numerous little colored twinkling lights. The guests were received in Peacock Alley, which was resplendent with green foliage and scarlet poinsettias. Punch was served from a ice block, gay with colored lights, and the trays containing hors d'oeuvres were charmingly arranged, each tray centered with a moulded orn. Tea was dispensed from a table decorated with Poinsettias and lighted with red candles. Over three hundred guests were present.

For Bride
Mrs. Bert Blair, the former Miss Joan Blair, of Victoria, was the guest of honor at a luncheon when Miss Mary Griffin entertained. Covers were laid for Mrs. Aeneas Bell-Irving, Mrs. Alexander Swanson, Mrs. Hugh Russell, Mrs. A. T. Maclean, Mrs. Secord Lampman, Mrs. Raymond Phelps, Mrs. Jack MacDougall, Miss Paula Tait, Miss Beatrice Merritt, Miss Kitty Walsh, Miss Jeanie Davidson, Miss Betty Boultbee, Miss Kitty Tiffin, Miss Naomi McMullen, Miss Lila Maikin, Miss Ruth and Miss Margaret Henderson, Miss Herwig Hendry, Miss Frances and Miss Gertrude Griffin, Miss Marian Robertson, Miss Jeanie Davidson, Miss Madge Rankin, Miss Helen Fordham Johnson, Miss Esther Eddy, Miss Cassell, Miss Dorothy Rigney, Miss Dalton Marpole, Miss Adele Herrmann, Miss Margaret Craig.

Engagement Announced
Much interest has been aroused in the announcement of the engagement of Kathleen Irwin (Kitty), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tiffin, and Mr. Leonard Du Moulin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Du Moulin, of Kingston, Ont. The marriage will take place early this summer.

Goes to Victoria
Mrs. Harry Bray has left to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. James Peters, Esquimalt. Mr. Bray will join them later.

Returns Home
After visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barr, Point Grey, Mrs. Kathleen Sayne has returned to her home in Victoria.

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CAROLS AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
Following the suggestion of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a concert of Community Carol Singing will be held on this Christmas Eve on the steps of Parliament Buildings at 11 P.M. (weather permitting). His Honor has intimated his intention of being personally present. The singing will be led by Harold Eustace Key, Musical Director for the Festival.

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Fashion Fancies

By Marie Belmont



After having been forgotten for several seasons, bead trimming is showing a tendency to make itself important in the general scheme of fashion.

Many evening frocks are being shown with deft touches of beading and afternoon frocks seem to have adopted it permanently.

A charming frock of black georgette was seen at a tea recently, showing the bead embroidery. The circular sections of the skirt release their fulness at a low point, and the normal waistline is marked with a band of pearl embroidery, ending in a bow knot in the centre front. The V neck is also outlined in the pearls and a larger bow knot emphasizes the front point.

A jacket is worn over the sleeveless frock and its claim to distinction lies in the graceful capelet which falls low in the back.

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Women's Clubs and Societies

District W.C.T.U.
The district W.C.T.U. met on Friday, Mrs. Hall, the president in the chair. The opening exercises were led by Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Collins, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The first item on the agenda was a discussion on the essay contest, which was such a success last year, and will start in January in the many Sunday schools of the city on "The Dangers of Alcoholism on the Body." The annual day of prayer was fixed for January 3, each Union being responsible for the half hour programme. Rockland Park first; Central second; Francis Willard third; Victoria West fourth. Mrs. Jones member of Central Union is trying to get for the Fairfield Sunday School some motion pictures put up by the Alberta Government on "Scientific Temperance." Each Union is asked to watch for notice of their arrival in the city. Miss Sproule took the half-hour in edibles opening with the Crusader's hymn and the one hundred and forty-sixth psalm. The talk dealt with the earlier days of W.C.T.U. work. Dealing with the faith and confidence of those Christian women encircling the world with the Mizzpah Benediction.

Y.W.C.A. Board
The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Friday. Excellent reports from the different committees were received. The Travelers Aid reported that 233 boats and trains were met and thirty-eight people assisted. The association is more and more becoming a centre where the different organizations may meet. During November forty meetings were held. The religious committee reported that "The Week of Prayer" was observed throughout the world from November 10 to 16. In this connection meetings were held each afternoon and were well attended. The Current Events Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh MacKenzie, proved to be not only interesting but very instructive. The house committee reported thirty-one permanent and forty-one transient guests. The story hour for children, which is held every Saturday morning, is having a great success. One hundred and thirty children were in attendance during the month. The membership committee reported four new members and twenty-six renewals.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD AT SOOKE
On Saturday evening Mrs. Peter Graignic entertained in Sooke Hall in honor of the twenty-first birthday of her daughter, Gladys, who was the recipient of many pretty gifts. The guests, who assembled about 9 o'clock, indulged in games, cards and dancing. The music was supplied by a four-piece orchestra. A buffet supper was served to one hundred and twenty guests. Mrs. W. Dicks and Mrs. C. T. Muir cut the birthday cake. A toast to Mrs. Graignic, the guest of honor, and Miss Lillian Graignic was ably responded to by Miss Graignic. Among the guests from Victoria were: Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Bean and party, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. McBeth, Mrs. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Macdonald, Mrs. G. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Misses W. Tinker and Ester Bean. Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kirby, Mrs. Vogel, Mrs. Charters, Mrs. W. Charters, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cairns, Mr. and Mrs. Wilman, Mr. and Mrs. Thornley, Mr. and Mrs. George Throp, Mrs. Brownsey, Mrs. J. S. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Helgesen, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hooke, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kohout, Mr. and Mrs. F. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Horewood, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Acreman, Mr. and Mrs. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Misses May Wilman, F. Gray, Isabella McIntosh, W. McGibson, I. and A. Milne, H. George, Grace Throp, Violet Helgesen, M. Dilley, Messrs. R. Robillard, Charles, Ted and Murray Barbour, T. Wright, W. N. Muir, L. Muir, R. Pontious, R. Rivercombe and others.

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WORKS STAFF HAS ENJOYABLE TIME
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The headquarters staff of the Department of Public Works spent a most enjoyable evening in the dining-room of the Parliament Buildings last night, when the whole of the inside staff attended and participated in a light supper, followed by the unloading of a Christmas tree and concluding with a short dance.

From the acting minister, Hon. W. A. McKenzie, to the latest arrival in the service, all appeared to enjoy themselves. On behalf of the minister, Hon. N. S. Loughheed, who is absent from the city, Mr. McKenzie offered his congratulations to the staff for the splendid co-operation which was

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being manifested in connection with the work of the department. He expressed his agreement with the disposition shown in this manner of getting together.

Before the party broke up, votes of thanks were extended to the acting minister and to the ladies of the staff who had so materially assisted in the arrangements for the evening.



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Reddy Gets More Than He Bargained For

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

Who takes a chance should not complain if failure brings both fright and pain.

—Old Mother Nature.

Such a feast as Reddy Fox and Mrs. Reddy had had on that turkey! When they finished there was little left but feathers and bones, and these were all nicely hidden under the barn of the very farm where the turkey had been caught. You see, Reddy and Mrs. Reddy were smart enough to know that the farmer would not expect them to hide so near. Therefore, they were safer there than if they had gone far away. It was broad daylight by the time they finished that turkey, so they decided to spend the day right where they were under the barn. And this is exactly what they did. Jimmy Shunk was curled up in one corner and Reddy and Mrs. Reddy were curled up in another corner.

Having eaten so much, they were very sleepy. They slept all day. The turkey had already gone to roost by the time they ventured out. "This is no place for us to stay," said Reddy to Mrs. Reddy. "It would be foolish to try to get another turkey right away. The thing for us to do is to go back home for a few days. Then we can try the same trick over again."

So it was not until four days later that Reddy and Mrs. Reddy tried for another turkey. They tried the same old trick Mrs. Reddy showed herself and led the dog away. Reddy stole down as near to the tree where the turkeys roosted as he could get and waited for them to come to roost. He was so intent on watching those turkeys as they came up toward the tree that he failed to notice the farmer peering around a corner of the barn. In the farmer's hands was a terrible gun. That farmer was wise to the ways of foxes. He had understood perfectly what had happened the evening he had lost a turkey. He knew that two foxes had been working together. "They'll try that trick again," said he. "One will lead off the dog and the other will try to catch a turkey. I shall have to give them a surprise. I doubt if they will be around for two or three nights, but they certainly will come before long. I'll just keep a watch every night while the turkeys go to roost."



He saw Reddy at once

So the farmer kept his gun ready in the barn. On this night he heard the dog start off after Mrs. Reddy. He slipped out the back door, taking his gun with him, and stole very carefully and silently back of the barn until he could peek around the corner near to where Reddy was hidden. He saw Reddy at once. Reddy had his head lifted and was eagerly watching the turkeys, which were making their way slowly toward the apple tree. Slowly the farmer lifted the terrible gun. It was going to be a long shot, but he knew that he could get no nearer to Reddy without alarming him.

Just as the terrible gun reached the farmer's shoulder, Reddy happened to glance that way. Like a flash, Reddy leaped to one side. As he did so the terrible gun went bang! bang! Reddy felt a number of stinging pains. He had been hit by the shot from that terrible gun. But he hadn't been seriously hurt. You wouldn't have thought he had been hurt at all, could you have seen him run. He had not more than he had bargained for this time. Instead of a fat turkey in his stomach, he had a number of small shot under his skin. But what was even worse from Reddy's point of view was the knowledge that their clever plan for catching turkeys had been discovered by the farmer.

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Between Twelve and One

By VERNON LODER

CHAPTER VIII

Mary Glene was talking to Colper when Lord Granish informed her that she was required in the library. Colper had given her a gloomy and indignant version of his interview, so that she was rather fearful when she went to see Cobham. The superintendent, however, was all smiles, got her a chair, told her not to be afraid, and beamed genially on her as he began.

"I know, Miss Glene, that all this will seem very tiresome to you. It is true you were in a room next to that where Mr. Cupolis slept, but no one is likely to think you killed him. The poorest kind of policeman knows that women very rarely use a weapon like a knife. The sex's horror of blood, I suppose. In any case I simply have to have your statement for a comprehensive report, and we will get it over as soon as possible, if you don't mind."

Mary smiled faintly. She liked his looks and his obvious sympathy. "I am ready to tell you the little I know."

"That's right. Now just tell me, in your own way and in your own words, what happened from your arrival here last evening. I may put a supplementary question here and there as a matter of form."

Mary told him. When she had come to the night, and the storm, and the sound she had heard then, he held up his hand.

"You thought you heard it again? And going the same way?"

"I thought. It was not easy to see which way."

"Mr. Smith went to the library for a book, on his own admission. It couldn't have been he, if the foot-steps were moving in the same direction on both occasions. Of course, one foot might have been his. But no one else admits leaving his room."

"She said nothing. Cobham reflected. Having left Mary Glene to tell her own story, without putting specific questions with regard to Professor Legard, he had led her to speak naturally, and so to mention the old man's frenzy and the effect it had had upon her own nerves."

"Did you hear a window open or shut?" he asked presently.

"No. I could not swear to a sound like that. But you see the house was full of sounds. I mean the storm and all that."

"I know. We had the fringe of it at Hindon. Now, Miss Glene, I am very sorry to hear this crash has affected you. Would it be correct to say that it is a serious loss?"

Tears came into her eyes. She wiped them away. "Very. But I do hope it is not all lost."

"I hope not indeed. But I think you will be wise to hope for the best and not think the worst. There may be assets we don't know of yet. In any case, I hope all will come out better than you expect. I shall be glad to hear of the information you have given me. I shan't detain you any longer."

He got up, opened the door for her, and smiled her goodnight. She went to the door and found to her surprise what Colper had found to grumble at in the police policeman.

When she had gone, Sergeant Smith came in and saluted. "I should think I have gone through all the night garments, sir," he said. "Not one shows a speck even that looks like human blood."

Cobham nodded. "Doctor's upstairs, or has the body been removed?"

"It has been removed, sir, to a fine, light workshop there is outside, sir."

"Good. Then run up and bring me that dagger from the bedroom. Be careful not to remove the paper from the handle."

"Very well, sir," said Smith, and went at once.

When he came back with the dagger the superintendent was humming. "We all go the same way home," he put on a pair of thin chambray leather gloves and laid his magnifying glass on a table near him.

"Ah, that's the tool. Thank you." He took the dagger, held it by the hilt, and examined the blade very carefully through the magnifying glass.

The blade was stained and unpleasant to look at. But he looked at it very hard and long and then turned to Smith again.

"I don't know if our surgeon is busy out there. If he isn't ask him to come in here and have a look at this."

The man who had assisted the official photographer was a member of Cobham's detective force. The superintendent when he had taken that office five years before, had determined to do something to restore the prestige of at least one provincial force. He hoped that in future the Hindon detective officers would not figure in the comic papers as others had done. To that end he had brought their methods up to date, had some officers instructed in the fingerprint system, others in

photography, elementary chemistry, and other useful sciences. Aided by an intelligent chief constable, though grumbled at by the police committee of the town for needless expense, he had established a force that was well able to deal with any ordinary case. This extraordinary case would prove the touchstone.

The photographer's official assistant had searched for fingerprints, obtained a good many, and would now be engaged in reproducing them on an enlarged scale, to look at."

Cobham thought of that as he waited for the police surgeon, who was some time coming.

He came at last and sat down by Cobham. "What a love you have for gore, Cobham," he said cheerfully. "After you with the paper knife, if that is what you want me to look at."

Cobham passed it to him carefully, and also the magnifying glass. The surgeon looked at the weapon and then went away with it to a better light. Cobham followed him.

"You will observe that there are some tiny serrations, not on the edge as one might think natural, but on that rib that runs down the middle of the blade to the point."

"Nasty minds they had in the old days," said the other, still studying the weapon closely; "but these serrations are not like those on a saw bayonet. They are very minute and almost look more like a species of ornament than attempts to make an uglier wound."

"I agree," said Cobham; "but you don't see my point yet. Or do you?"

The surgeon looked up at him, turned a little, and then glanced through the magnifying glass once more. "Wait a bit. You're sharper on points of one kind than I am. Hello! Yes, yes! Cobham, you take the medal for medical research this year. I have pleasure in handing it to you."

Cobham beamed. "Don't think I'm glad. If this as we think, it complicates the case tremendously. This is my first murder investigation, apart from homicides caused by drink, and it looks big enough already."

"(To Be Continued)

MOTHER INDIA IS ONE-SIDED

MR. KENNETH CANTLIE SAYS THE BOOK IS OUT OF FOCUS

Gives Interesting Facts About Condition and Aspirations of the Native

Educated men in India think they could make more money if the British withdrew, leaving only the army to preserve order, Kenneth Cantlie, nephew of Colonel Cantlie of Montreal, and an engineer who has served for the last five years as an official of the Maharaja of Jodhpur told The Gazette in an interview with The Colonist at the Windsor Hotel. "These Nationalists," he declared, "have never advocated that the British army withdraw, but they believe in repudiation of independence of the country. The party does not include ten per cent of the population."

Mr. Cantlie, who was on his way to England for vacation, said he had come through California and thus to Canada, and he commented on the ignorance about India which he had everywhere encountered.

"People seem to have gleaned their ideas from 'Mother India,'" he said, "and although all that is in the book is true, it is nevertheless out of focus for anyone who does not know India. It is but one side. I am astonished, too, to hear continually of Gandhi. Some time ago he started a non-co-operative movement and his group refused to pay taxes; the natives looked upon his party as a 'tamasha,' or good time, as one might say."

They all had fun as long as it lasted and threw themselves into the new diversion with the ebullient extravagance of the East, but 'Mahatma,' as the organization was called came to nothing in the end and when it petered out, Gandhi went into a long siege of fasts.

Questioned about the power of the Indian leader at the moment, Mr. Cantlie shrugged his shoulders, and announced that he knew Gandhi personally and that the man was a great idealist and dreamer, but that his power was not vast.

Should the guiding hand of England be withdrawn from India, Mr. Cantlie prophesied, the country would instantly be at war from end to end. Not only would there be wars between the Mohammedans and the Buddhists, but between all castes of each. He recalled that England had been obliged to conquer two-thirds of India because it was impossible to do business with her as long as all the parties were at war. Should they withdraw now another state of complete disorderization would be precipitated. One-third of the country is ruled by the Maharajas who would surely undertake to conquer the rest and become emperors of the many states, he said, reflecting that they occupied a strong position in the esteem of their subjects.

His conclusion was that India, a strange land in every respect, did not want democracy. Most of the reformers were educated men from western universities who had almost lost touch with the native element through becoming westernized. A native was an absurdly extravagant fellow who took it for granted that his life was to be lived in debt to the hilt of his credit, and who refused to do more than was necessary in order just to live in this state. He spoke of the wedding ceremonies which cost so much they are rarely paid for within the lifetime of the father who must give them, recalling that one of his employees who earns 200 rupees a year spent 4,000 on his daughter's wedding. "There is no use speaking of helping the natives for if one gave him twenty acres, he would only farm three because he could live on them without further effort," the engineer finished.

Royal Sisters Shopping



The Photograph Shows Princess Ingeborg and Princess Astrid, Who Were Recently in Paris Together With Prince Charles of Sweden and Prince Leopold, Out on a Shopping Expedition of the Paris Stores.

Centuries-Old Text Of Old Testament To Be Photographed

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—With a specially designed camera, the Rev. Samuel A. B. Mercer, professor of Oriental languages and Egyptology at Trinity College, University of Toronto, is proceeding to the half-civilized parts of Abyssinia to photograph copies of the Old Testament in the Ethiopian language that have been in possession of the Coptic monasteries for hundreds of years. He plans to bring the reproductions back to Toronto to produce a reliable text for publication.

It must be something that can be picked up in ten minutes' shopping but reflect a week's shopping.

Such an ideal gift exists, no doubt, but it would take an ideal husband to select it and an ideal wife to appreciate it, and the millennium isn't due before Christmas.

Fourteen of One Family Were Mayors

Having completed fifty-five years of public service, Alderman F. F. Smallpiece, the "grand old man" of Guilford, England, has just retired at the age of eighty-six. He succeeded his father as town clerk in 1874 and held that office until 1902. Three years later he was elected mayor, thus making the fourteenth member of his family to hold that office in the town in a record beginning in 1502. Smallpiece will continue his activities as an attorney.

The Ideal Gift

What is the ideal gift of a husband to his wife? This is the question that is absorbing the masculine mind these Christmas shopping days. In a pure spirit of service some qualifications for the ideal gift are offered.

There should be in it the element of surprise. This eliminates all the articles the good wife has hinted at. It must fit without being tried on and without guilty requests for measurements.

It must be sufficiently expensive to reflect a husband's affection and not too expensive to break his bank account.

It must be something a wife can use to the exclusion of her husband, or else she will suspect he got it for himself.

It must be useful without being strictly practical.

It must be something she is not likely to get from somebody else.

It must cost as much or more than the gifts other husbands in the neighborhood present their wives.

It must be something that can be picked up in ten minutes' shopping but reflect a week's shopping.

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Tractor Trials Planned

American manufacturers of agricultural machinery are to be encouraged to send all types of power machines to the world tractor trials, which will be held in England during the summer of 1930. The trials, which are to be held near Oxford, will be divided into two parts—tests of a scientific and practical nature, and public demonstrations, when machines from all parts of the world will be seen under working conditions.

Not Able To Say Anything About Late Conference

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—"I can not say anything about it. We are bound to absolute secrecy until our report is published," was Hon. Ernest Lapointe's reply to a question concerning the conference of legal experts of the Empire he attended in London.

The Canadian Minister of Justice arrived here this morning after immediately for Ottawa. After the report had been considered by the Government of the Empire, it will likely come before the next Imperial Conference. Then, if it is endorsed, the legislation proposed will be introduced in the Imperial Parliament.

"Let us cease to give the name of divine worship to what has often been no more than a spiritual yawn,"—Sheila Kays-Smith.

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You Can Hear Actual Radio Reception in Our Store

No need to compare them at home. Any set selected for Christmas delivery may be exchanged before December 31 if not entirely satisfactory.

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MAYOR THANKS GYRO MEMBERS

MR. HERBERT ANSCOMB EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF VOTE DRIVE

Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson Gives Impressions of Visit in Germany—Clubmen Receive Greetings

Appreciation for the active interest taken by the members of the Victoria Gyro Club in the recent civic election in the "Use-Your-Vote" campaign, was expressed by His Worship Mayor Herbert Anscomb in a letter to the Gyro Club, which was read at yesterday's luncheon session, in the Empress Hotel grill.

In his communication to the Gyro Club, Mayor Anscomb said: "Your campaign undoubtedly did a great deal of good in stimulating interest in municipal affairs. This is evidenced by the relative large vote which was cast. May I express the hope that in future years you will take a continued interest in this and in other matters of civic welfare."

Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson, pastor of First United Church, gave the Gyro an interesting address on his recent trip to Europe, dealing particularly with impressions which he gained while touring Germany. He spoke of business and social conditions in that country, and made observations concerning the industrial and political affairs as they exist at the present time. Dr. Wilson was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his discourse. Mr. H. A. Beckwith introduced the speaker.

Members of the Gyro Club are invited to attend the installation of officers of the Seattle Gyro Club, which will take place on January 11, at the Bergonian Hotel, in Seattle.

The season's greetings to the clubmen were received from Mr. McKenize Bowen, president of the Vancouver Gyro Club; Mr. J. Brooke Stephenson, president of the Victoria Kiwanis Club; Gyro Club of Clinton, Iowa; the Seattle Gyro Club and the North Saanich Service Club.

President Harry Dawson announced that forty-four members of the Gyro Club at its luncheon next Monday at noon, in the Empress Hotel.

Tea and Coffee Specials

H B C Mergul Brand Tea, per lb. 39¢

3 lbs. for \$1.15

H B C Economy Blend Tea, per lb. 39¢

3 lbs. for \$1.15

H B C Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. 55¢

3 lbs. for \$1.65

H B C Broken Orange Pekoe, per lb. 65¢

3 lbs. for \$1.95

H B C Special Breakfast Coffee, freshly ground, lb. 45¢

H B C Mocha and Java Coffee, freshly ground, lb. 65¢

Smyrna Figs

Smyrna Layer Figs, six crown, per lb. 25¢

2 lbs. for 40¢

Seven crown, per lb. 27¢

2 lbs. for 50¢

Nine crown, per lb. 32¢

2 lbs. for 60¢

Smyrna Puffed Figs, 14-lb. box, special 32¢

Spanish Table Raisins

Three crown, 1-lb. packet for 35¢

Five crown, 1-lb. packet, 45¢

Six crown, 1-lb. packet, 50¢

Jordan Almonds, per lb. 80¢

and 95¢

Lower Main Floor, HBC

Christmas Candies

Ganong's Finest Assorted Chocolates, Price per box from \$1.00 to \$3.75

Ganong's Fancy Workbaskets filled with chocolates. Each, \$9.00 and \$11.50

Cedar Chest containing Ganong's Chocolates. Each, \$3.00 and \$4.00

Sharp's and Dainty Dinah English Toffee, in fancy tins. Each 25¢, 45¢, 50¢, 85¢ and \$1.00

Moir's and Neilson's Assorted Chocolates in fancy boxes of many designs. Prices from 75¢ to \$2.50

Rochon's Victoria Chocolates in dainty boxes. Each, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$2.75 and \$3.75

Highland Mary Chocolates, local made. Per box, \$1.00 and \$1.50

A good selection of Pascal's Chocolate Novelties to choose from at prices from 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Pascal's Chocolate Smoking Sets, Each 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.25

Novelty Cigarette Cases filled with Chocolate Cigarettes. Each 25¢ and 50¢

Christmas Mixtures, per lb. 17¢, 25¢ and 35¢

Christmas Box of Assorted Candy and Chocolates. Per 4-lb. box \$1.00

—Main Floor, HBC

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Christmas Groceries

Provisions and Table Supplies

Charge Customers May Purchase Now and Pay in the Month of February.

Telephone Number 1670 Please Order Before Ten in the Morning if Possible.

Plum Puddings

Johnston's Fluid Beef, 16-oz. tins for 95¢

Fraser Valley Pure Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin for 47¢

King-Beach Pure Raspberry Jam, 4-lb. tin for 57¢

Shirriff's Seville Orange Marmalade, 4-lb. tin for 62¢

Heinz Pure Food Products

Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup, 3 tins for 32¢

Heinz Tomato Catsup, large bottle 27¢

2 bottles 52¢

Heinz Pickles, all kinds, sweet or sour, bottle, 30¢

2 for 58¢

Ye Olde London Ginger, Cherry and Port Wine, per bottle 35¢

3 bottles for \$1.00

Del Monte Peaches, sliced or halves, No. 2 1/2 tin for 37¢

2 tins for 70¢

Del Monte Bartlett Pears, No. 2 tin for 35¢

2 tins for 65¢

Del Monte Fruit Salad, No. 2 tin for 53¢

2 tins for \$1.00

Alymer Brand Golden Bantam Corn, per tin 19¢

3 tins for 55¢

Quaker Brand Corn, tin, 15¢

3 tins for 43¢

Quaker Brand Peas, No. 2 tin, size 3, per tin 19¢

3 tins for 55¢

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Smyrna Figs

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2 lbs. for 50¢

Nine crown, per lb. 32¢

2 lbs. for 60¢

Smyrna Puffed Figs, 14-lb. box, special 32¢

Christmas Stockings

15¢, 25¢, 35¢ and 50¢

Jacob's Old Country Biscuits

Orange Creams, at per tin \$1.10

Marie, per tin \$1.00

Lemon Puffs 75¢

Water Biscuits, 50¢ and 90¢

Mince Pies and Mincemeat

Individual Mince Pies from our own bakery, dozen, 40¢

Large Mince Pies, each, 30¢

Libby's Mincemeat, royal jar 32¢

Libby's Mincemeat, lb. 22¢

Local-Made Mincemeat, bulk, per lb. 15¢

Christmas Beverages

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, packed in Christmas wrapper, package of 1/2-dozen, \$1.35

Per package of 1 doz., \$2.67

Mission Orange Dry, per dozen \$2.00

A Final Reminder
That Our Christmas Gift Bazaar

is in full swing on the Second Floor, with a huge assortment of worth-while gifts at three prices only

50c 75c 1.00

There are presents for everybody—Mother, Father, Sister, Brother and the Baby, and for your friends. Be sure to come and take a look around.

—Second Floor, HBC

**Hudson's Bay Company**INCORPORATED 2ND MAY 1670.

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This Store Will Be Open This Evening Until 9 o'clock

Closed All Day Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26.

25¢ GiftsNovelty Combs
Two Novelty Handkerchiefs in gift box
Boxed Stationery
Novelty Neckties
Change Purse
Watch Straps
Mottos
Children's Handkerchiefs
Little Sewing Sets
Assorted Coat Flowers
Glass Towels
Pillow Cases
China Vases
China Mustard Pots
Cup and Saucer
China Ornaments
Fancy Ash Trays
Pocket Knives
Amberine Cigarette Holder
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs
Infants' Bibs
Infants' Rattles
Infants' Rubber Pants
Head Teapot Stands
R. & G. Bath Soap
Powder Puff**50¢ Gifts**Infants' Rattles
Children's Silk Caps
Novelty Towels
Dolls
Fancy China Vases
Powder Jars
Ash Trays
Jugs
Candlesticks
Bonbons
Furn Stands
Cup and Saucer
Child's Set, cup and plate
Leather Cigarette Case
Men's White Handkerchiefs
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs
Boxed Stationery
Novelty Chokers
Needle Cases
Cigarette Cases
Tie Racks
Children's Purse
Photo Frames
Fountain Pens
Memo Pads
Pencil Sets
Gift Books for boys and girls
Cravat Sets
Bath Salt Crystals
Face Powders
Perfumes
White Ivory Nail Files
Toilet Soaps
Painting Books
Three Fancy Handkerchiefs in gift box
Coat Flowers
Fancy Thimbles
Novelty Ash Trays
Ladies' Windsor Ties, all colors
Carters in Book Form Boxes
"Kum-a-Part" Cuff Links
Boys' Braces in gift boxes
Tapestry Cushion Tops
French Photo Frames, with roses
Fancy Powder Puffs
Trinket Trays
Novelty Pincushions
Bookmarks**75¢ Gifts**Novelty Towels
Linen Crash Cloths
Dolls
Fancy Boxed Stationery
Fancy Bridge Pads
Three Novelty Handkerchiefs in gift box
Boxed Cut Flowers
Story Books for Boys and Girls
Sewing Novelties
Fancy Ribbon Garters
Novelty Pocket Combs in case
Bridge Ash Tray Sets
Playing Cards
Novelty Cigarette Cases
Head Chokers
Anklet Socks
Children's Wool Gloves
Children's Silk and Lisle Hose
Women's Fabric Gloves
Local View Calendars
Framed Mottos
Novelty Shoe Tree Sets
Fancy Book Ends
Plates
Powder Boxes
Smokers' Sets
Spoon Trays
Vases
Ladies' Cigarette Holders
Fancy Book Ends
Plates
Powder Boxes
Smokers' Sets
Spoon Trays
Salt and Pepper Shakers
Whipped Cream Sets
Nutcrackers
Pocket Knives
"Kum-a-Part" Cuff Links
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs
Hand-Rolled Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs
Men's Smart Neckwear in gift boxes
Men's Fancy Silk Hose in boxes
Bracelet Armbands in boxes
Boys' Golf Hose
Boys' Star Gauntlets
President Suspenders in Christmas boxes
Pearl Finish Violets
Children's Felt Slippers
Compacts
Hair Brushes
Perfumes
Bath Salts
Infants' Wool Bonnets
Infants' Wool Booties**Christmas Shopping Guide****\$2.95 Gifts**Bridge Sets
Embroidered Pillow Cases
New Rayon Silk Spanish Type Pyjamas (women's)
Smart Challis Coats
Martha Washington House Frocks
New Cretone Smocks
Philippine Hand-Embroidered Nightgowns
Framed Pictures
Women's European Cloth Dressing Gowns
Novelty Boudoir Clocks
Ladies' Handbags
Novelty Bridge Sets
Sewing Sets for Travellers
Pearlone Toiletware
Boys' Kid Pullman Slippers
New Metal Costume Jewelry
Ladies' French Kid Gloves
Ladies' Washable Suede Gloves
Ladies' All-Silk Chiffon Hose**A World of Gifts Under 5.00 From the Store of a Million Gifts**

Last-minute gift shoppers will find in this page an invaluable help in deciding just what to buy and how much to give. While we mention only gifts at prices less than \$5.00, the store is teeming with gifts of every description from the least expensive to gifts of much greater value, such as beautiful Fur Coats, Silver Fox Scarves and Oriental Rugs.

75¢ GiftsVictor Records (Christmas music)
Fancy Wall Pockets (kitchen reminders, etc.)
Finished Fancywork Pieces, novel and useful
Moquette Runners**\$1.00 Gifts**Infants' Hand-Painted Hot Water Bottles
Infants' Hand-Embroidered Pillow Slips
Lace Brassieres
Boys' Khaki Play Suits
Linen Bridge Sets
Fancy Towels
Crash Cloths
Snapshots Albums
Back Strap Handbags
Novelty Ash Trays
Novelty Sewing Sets
Fancy Garter Sets
Tinted Stationery in decorated boxes
Gift Books for boys and girls
Collins' Leather-Bound Classics
Gift-Edge Playing Cards
Handsome Coat Flowers
Three Gift Handkerchiefs in Christmas box
Pair Point Heel Silk Hose
Women's Smart Fabric Gloves
Leather Keychains
Cigarette Cases
Novelty Ash Trays
Fancy Beaded Chokers
Fancy Bracelets
Change Purse
Playing Card Cases
Address Books
Cashmere Scarves
Corsican Briar Pipes
Fancy Sugar and Cream Bowls
Salad Bowls
Honey Jars
Condiment Sets
Flower Bowls
Marmalade Jars
Cup and Saucer
Silk Extension Cord
Cigarette Boxes
Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, box of three
"Kum-a-Part" Cuff Links and Collar Pin
Men's Fancy Cashmere Hose
Men's Smart Neckwear
Belts with Initial Buckle
Silk President Braces in Christmas box
Spoon Silk Scarves, white
Black Silk Dress Hose
Harvey's Rayon Silk Gift Bloomers
Harvey's Rayon Silk Tailored Vests
Harvey's Rayon Silk Boilettes
Harvey's Rayon Silk and Lisle Bloomers
Lace-Trimmed Rayon Silk Gift Vests
Lace-Trimmed Gift Bloomers
Lace-Trimmed Rayon Silk Vests
Children's "Bunny" Slippers
Children's Velvet Slippers
Yardley's English Lavender Water
Yardley's Bath Salts
Shaving Bowls**\$1.25 Gifts**Women's Georgette Scarves
Women's Crepe de Chine Scarves
Fancy Book Ends
Novelty Hat Stands
Suede Library Book Bags
Snapshot Albums
Tapestry Runners
Ladies' Duplex Gloves
Artistic Boxed Stationery
Hudson's Bay Company Playing Cards
Women's Silk and Wool Hosiery
Women's All-Wool Cashmere Hosiery
Leather Tobacco Pouches
Fancy Teapots
Vases
Cake Plates
Celery Trays
Bonbons
Spoon Trays
Perfume Bottles
Candlesticks
Heret Tans, two styles
Child's Toothbrush and Holder
Infants' Brush and Comb Sets
Infants' Crocheted Wool Jackets
Infants' White Voile Frocks
Infants' Wool Bonnets
Infants' Wooden Pull Toys
Infants' Record Books, hand-painted
Lace and Italian Silk Brassieres
Discreet Silk Tailored Vests**\$1.25 Gifts**Harvey's Rayon Silk Bloomers and Bobettes
Novelty Rubber Gift Aprons
Women's All-Wool Jersey Bloomers
Incense Burners
Boys' Plaid Slippers
Girls' Bedroom Slippers
Williams', Colgate's and Men's Shaving Sets
English Shaving Brushes
Face Cloths in Gift Sets
"Lady Dainty" Bath Salts**\$1.50 Gifts**Lace Neckwear
Windsor Ties
Gift Coat Flowers
Novelty Sewing Cabinets
Embroidered Novelty Handkerchiefs, three in gift box
Christmas Chokers
Head Neckties
Fancy Bracelets
Fancy Cigarette Cases
Framed Gift Mottos
Social Stationery, assorted styles, in gift boxes
Fountain Pens
English Calendars
Ladies' Fabric Gloves
Ladies' Chamois Gloves
Point Heel Silk Hose
Silk and Wool Hose
All-Wool Hose
Christmas Annuals for boys and girls
Fancy Cake Plates
Salad Bowls
Vases
Cheese Dishes
Men's Felt Slippers
Girls' Satin Slippers
Large Velvet Violets
Boys' Watches
Golf Clubs
Men's "Miracle" Ties in Christmas boxes
Men's Knit Rayon Scarves
Men's Fancy Cashmere Half Hose
Real Leather Belts with initial buckles
Men's Heavy Black Silk Dress Hose
Boys' Fancy Broadcloth Blouses
Boys' Knit Scarf and Tie to match
Chenille Bedroom Rugs
Baby Dolls
Infants' Hand-Painted Record Books
Men's Leather Slippers
Infants' Brush and Comb Sets
Girls' Rayon Silk Slips
Little Tots' Imported Wool Pull-Over
Infants' Pink and Blue Padded Silk Jackets
Vanity Sets
Embroidered Runners
Embroidered Pillow Cases
Embroidered Bridge Sets
Towel Sets
Tablecloths
Fancy Silk Brassieres
Garter Belts to match
brasieres
Discreet Silk Underwear with motif trimming
Novelty Hand-Embroidered Gift Aprons
Framed Pictures
Yardley's Lavender Gift Sets
Hudson's Perfumes
Perfume Atomizers
Cold Meat Forks
Youth's Smart Caps
Boys' Play Suits
6 Teapots and Tongs in case
Wool Gloves
Hand-Painted Salad Bowls
Aynsley China Cups and Saucers**Gift Shoppers' DIRECTORY****Lower Main Floor**
Toytown
Groceries
Fresh Meats
Christmas Poultry
Cakes and Pastries
Christmas Crackers and Stockings
Groceries and Provisions
Main Floor
Book Department
Table Linens and Household Staples
Gloves, Hosiery
Neckwear
Christmas Candles
Stationery
Jewelry and Silverware
Toiletries, Cigars and Cigarettes
Shoe Department
Men's and Boys' Furnishings
Men's and Boys' Clothing
Drugs and Toilettries
Mezzanine Floor
Greeting Cards
Gift Wrapping Desk
Post Office and Information Bureau
Library
Second Floor
Christmas Bazaar
Dolls
Gift Lingerie
Blouses and Sweaters
Millinery
Furs and Ready-to-Wear
Rest Rooms
Art Needlework
Children's Section
Third Floor
Hardware
Electrical Goods
China
Clung Goods
Sewing Machines
Radio and Music Dept.
Carpets, Draperies
Hoover Department
Fourth Floor
Victorian Restaurant
Furniture
Lamps and Shades
Pictures
General Offices
Gift Certificates**Toyland Specials**

For Last-Minute Shoppers

These are toys that we know to be prime favorites with the boys and girls—toys that they write about in their letters to Santa Claus, and all specially priced for last-minute shoppers.

Doll Beds
of enameled iron in colors of jade, green and red. Complete with mattress and pillow. Regular \$2.25 for... **\$1.69**
and regular \$1.75 for... **\$1.39**
Wall Blackboards
Made in three sizes. Regular 75c for... **50c**
Regular \$1.00 for... **69c**
Regular \$1.75 for... **\$1.19**
Jackbit Playhouse
Large enough to get inside. Regular \$5.95 for... **\$4.95****Specials in Doll Land**

When Santa Claus comes down the chimney tonight he says he simply MUST have enough Dolls. The little girls' letters have shown that Baby Dolls are special favorites, so we are trying to help Santa out by offering some very special baby dolls for Christmas Eve.

Baby Doll
With composition body, china head, sleeping eyes. Just what some of the little girls have asked for in their letters. Height 15 inches. Regular to \$1.95. Special... **89c**
Small Baby Doll
to "peek out" from a girl's stocking. Composition body, china head and sleeping eyes. Special... **45c**
Knock-About Baby Doll
with soft body, unbreakable head, and dressed in a long white baby dress, with bonnet to match. Special... **\$1.45**
—Second Floor, HBC**Groceteria Specials for Today**

Low Prices on Supplies for Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Bacon for Your Christmas Breakfast.
Our "Economy" Brand best selected, sliced, per lb. **33c**"Olde London" Wines, Port, Ginger, etc., per bottle **35c**
Cluster Table Raisins, 1/2 lb. packet, **19c**
Special Assorted Chocolates, 1-lb. box, **39c**
Libby's Mince Meat, Royal jar, **32c**
Assorted Sweet Biscuits, 1-lb. fancy box for **37c**
New Mixed Nuts, per lb. **24c**
Ripe Olives, medium, 9-oz. tin **29c**
Ripe Olives, large, 9-oz. tin **24c**
Spanish Table Figs, 1-lb. basket **24c**Extra Special Pure Strawberry Jam, per tin **41c**
Choice Tomatoes, 2 large tins **25c**
Fancy Asparagus Tips, per tin **18c**
Choice Small Peas, No. 2 tin **16c****Anchor Brand Butter**
Finest Quality New Zealand Anchor Brand Butter, **43c**
per lb.
3 lbs. for \$1.26
Finest Grade Alberta Butter, per lb. **42c**
3 lbs. for \$1.24Sliced Pineapple, No. 2 tins, 2 tins for **19c**
Peaches, No. 2 tins, per tin **19c**
Crisco, 3-lb. tin **75c**
Empress Orange Marmalade, 4-lb. tin, **49c**
Ontario Mild Cheese, per lb. **27c**
Chateau Cheese, 1/2-lb. carton **19c**
Extra Special—1,000 lbs. Braid's Lanka Tea, per lb. **42c**
Special M. & J. Coffee, reg. 55c, lb. **46c**
Nestle's Milk, 3 tins for **20c**
Jelly Powders, full size, 4 for **22c**
Lazenby's Chef Sauce, per bottle **22c**
Pickles, Sweet Mixed and Chow, quart sizer for **44c**
Regal Salt, 2 cans for **19c**
Picnic Hams, holly wrapped, lb **22c**
—Lower Main Floor, HBC**A Special Christmas Dinner**

will be served this evening from 6-15 to 8 o'clock in our beautiful Restaurant on the Fourth Floor. Make your reservations early.

Price **\$1.25** Per Head**MENU**
Olives
Clear Mock Turtle
Fillet of Sole en Matelot
Sweetbread Patties
Champignons Green Peas
Salad
Roast Saddle of Lamb
Mint Sauce
Roast Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans
Rissole Potatoes
Christmas Pudding
Hot Mince Pie
Ice Cream and Cakes
English Stilton
Fruits Coffee**\$3.00 Gifts**Crystal Neckties
Novelty Clocks
Leather Handbags
Cigarette Cases
Perfume Atomizers
Butterfly Pictures
Boys' Bath Robes
Framed Pictures
End Tables
Lamp Stands
Brass Jardiniere
Little Girls' Frilled Taffeta Frocks (2 to 6 years)
Reversible Wool Rugs
Infants' Toilet Sets
Girls' All-Wool Sweater Coats
Infants' Silk Comforters
Girls' Wool Jersey Frocks
Women's Brocade Rayon Silk Gift Coats
Women's Boudoir Slippers
Sewing Machine Lights (styles to fit any machine)
Pair of Military Hair Brushes**\$4.00 Gifts**Novelty Handbags
Novelty Scarves
Pearlone Toiletware
Lace and Georgette Vests
Leather Handbags
Biscuit Jars
Vases
Salad Bowls
Jardiniere
Cups and Saucers
Comports
Sugar and Cream Bowls
Combination Lighter and Cigarette Cases
Six Golf Balls
Boudoir Clocks
Heavy Velvet Rugs
Hand Block Printed Luncheon Sets
Fine Linen Bridge Sets
Nurdah Rugs
First Payment on Hoover
Hudson's Toilet Sets
Hair Brushes
Perfume Atomizers**\$4.95 Gifts**Children's Golf Sets
Coffee Percolators
Brass Bird Cages
Boys' Mad-Lined Reefers
Novelty Bridge Sets
Cape Skin Motoring Gloves
Crepe de Chine and Georgette Scarves
Novelty Mantel Clocks
Women's Gift Umbrellas
Pearlone Toiletware
Fancy Gift Stationery
Leather Handbags
Shetland Wool Scarves
Pearl Strings
Novelty Metal Neckties
Crystal Neckties

Gift Suggestions for Last-Minute Shoppers

Store Open This Evening—Closed Wednesday and Thursday



Beacon Cloth Bath Robes

For Women and Misses

A selection of very attractive Robes, of excellent grade robing, made with collar and pockets, trimmed with satin or silk cord binding and each finished with silk girdle. Many designs and colors. Priced at

\$6.90 \$7.90 \$8.90

—Mantle Dept., 1st Floor

Gift Lingerie

That Conforms to the "Princess" Mode

Undergarments, too, must be fashionable and up to date. These Circular Petticoats of rayon silk are exactly the thing to wear beneath the new style dresses. And such a gift will really be appreciated. Price, **\$2.50**

Princess Slips, too, have gone "modern," and boast the fashionable flared skirt. Of good quality rayon silk in pastel tints. Price, **\$2.98**

—Womenswear, 1st Floor

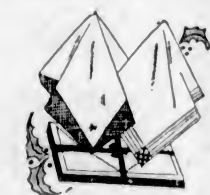
Lingerie Sets, \$1.95



Dainty Party Sets of Brassiere and Bobettes, also Princess Slips and Petticoats. Shown in good quality rayon silk trimmed with lace. Priced at a set, **\$1.95**

—Womenswear, 1st Floor

Arrived Today Women's Rayon Silk Pyjamas Special at \$2.50



Gift Handkerchiefs

Fascinating Novelty Styles

Novelty Gift Handkerchiefs in colors or white, with dainty embroidered corners. Three in a box. Per box, **50c, 75c and \$1.00**

—Main Floor

Women's Vests and Bloomers, \$1.00

Rayon Silk Vests and Bloomers in regulation style. Shades are peach, pink, Rose Marie, sunni, green, mauve and blue. Small, medium and large sizes. A garment, **\$1.00**

—Knit Underwear, 1st Floor

Gift Neckwear

Woolen Scarves in striking colors. Prices, **\$1.49 to \$3.75**

Knitted Rayon Scarves, **59c to \$1.59**

Lace Collar Sets, white and ecru shades, **59c to \$3.75**

Neckwear, Main Floor



Gift Bath Robes for Girls

Beacon Cloth Bath Robes with silk corded tie and satin trimming. Shown in shades of peach, blue and rose. Sizes 8 to 14 years. Priced from **\$2.98 to \$4.50**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Girls' Princess Slips

Lace-Trimmed Rayon Silk Princess Slips in dainty shades of peach, green, flesh and white. Sizes 8 to 16 years. Special at, **\$1.50**

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor



500 Pieces of Novelty Gift Jewelry at 98c

Featuring the newest styles in Chanel and semi-precious stones. Brooches, earrings, bracelets, pendants, chokers and 60-inch pearl strands.

—Jewelry, Main Floor

Girls' Nightgowns Special at \$1.00

Warm White Flannellette Nightgowns with colored piping and, embroidered insertion at the neck. Sizes 6 to 16 years.

—Children's Wear, 1st Floor

Fireside Bench, \$14.75

Substantial Walnut Fireside Bench covered with plain taupe mohair.

—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Bridge Lamp, \$9.75

Walnut-Finish Bridge Lamp, complete with shade.

—Furniture, 2nd Floor

Practical Gifts in the Chinaware Dept.

Decorated China Teacups and Saucers at **\$1.29**

Fancy Cake Plates with silver-plated handles, **\$2.00**

Baby Plates, neatly decorated, each, **50c**

Baby Mugs, Special, each, **25c** and **20c**

Limoges (French) China Dinner Sets of 27 pieces, **\$39.50**

—Chinaware, Lower Main Floor



Playing Cards

Gifts That Everyone Appreciates

Playing Cards in leather cases of blue, brown, purple or rose. Special at, each, **\$1.00**

"We and They" Cards, Set, **\$2.50**

Congress Cards at, **\$1.00**

—Stationery, Lower Main Floor

Bill Cases

Very good values and attractive gifts at **75c**

—Stationery, Lower Main Floor



Hosiery Is Always Appreciated

Corticelli Chiffon Silk Hose, silk to the top, pine tree heels, all wanted shades. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10. A pair, **\$2.50**

Corticelli Chiffon Silk Hose, extra sheer weight, full fashioned, silk to the top, square and "slendo" heels, fashionable shades. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2. A pair, **\$3.50**

Corticelli Silk Hose, service-weight chiffon, full fashioned, square and "slendo" heels. A range of shades. A pair, **\$1.95**

—Hosiery, Main Floor

Girls' Long Hose 75c a Pair

Silk and Wool Hose with long straight legs and narrowed ankles and feet. Shades are nude, sand, beige, turf tan, chicle and acorn. Sizes 5 to 8 1/2.

—Lower Main Floor

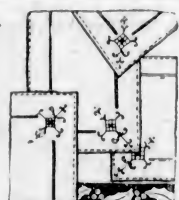


Children's Socks

Make Practical Gifts

Jason Wool Half Socks are shown in shades of heath, sage, pastel, sky, tan, black and white. Sizes 5 to 8. A pair, **39c**

—Lower Main Floor



Luncheon Sets

Oyster Linen Luncheon Sets with colored borders. 36 x 36-inch cloth and four napkins. A set, **\$1.69**

Oyster Linen Luncheon Sets in colorful cross stitch designs. Priced at a set, **\$4.50**

White Satin Damask Luncheon Sets with colored border. 54 x 54-inch cloth and six napkins. Per set, **\$4.95**

—Staples, Main Floor

Three-Piece Carving Sets

With stag handles. Specially priced at, a set, **\$2.95**

—Silverware, Lower Main Floor

Gift Suggestions From Our Three Shoe Departments

Women's Dainty Velvet Mules with ostrich feather trimming. Priced at, a pair, **\$3.50**

—1st Floor

Rhinestone and Cut Steel Shoe Ornaments. Priced from **\$1.50 to \$5.00**

—1st Floor

Best Quality Indian Moccasin Slippers for women, headed and fur bound. A pair, **\$3.50**

—1st Floor

Children's Leather Leggings. Priced at, a pair, **\$3.25**

—1st Floor

Men's English Box Cloth Spats in sand and fawn shades. A pair, **\$3.50**

—1st Floor

Women's Camel Hair Slippers in plain colors and plaids. A pair, **\$1.45**

—Bargain Highway, Lower Main Floor

Special Purchase of 3,600 Pairs of Men's Socks

All-wool and wool and silk, high grade, fancy designs and clox. All sizes.

A pair, **65c**

Or 2 pairs, **\$1.25**

A pair, **89c**

Or 2 pairs, **\$1.75**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

TOWEL SETS

Plain and fancy weaves in Towels with colored borders; either one or two face cloths to match. Per set, **45c, 55c, 59c, 69c, 79c, 89c, 98c and \$1.10**

—Staples, Main Floor

Gift Blankets

Pure Wool Blankets. Single bed size, per pair, **\$7.95**

Three-quarter bed size, pair, **\$8.95**

Double bed size, pair, **\$9.95**

—Staples, Main Floor

Gift Comforters

Wool-Filled Comforters in attractive designs in rose, blue, gold and mauve. Each, **\$6.95**

Down-Filled Comforters with contrasting panels. Values to \$40.00, for **\$20.00**

—Staples, Main Floor

Give Merchandise Scrip

It Will Solve Your Last-Minute Gift Problem

Scrip Redeemable at Any of Our Stores

On Sale at the Exchange Desk

—Main Floor

Hemstitched Sheets and Pillow Cases

Hemstitched Sheets. Single bed size, per pair, **\$2.75, \$1.50 and \$5.25**

Double bed size, per pair, **\$5.50 and \$6.75**

Hemstitched Pillow Cases, per pair, **85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75**

—Staples, Main Floor

Double Roasters

A great selection of Aluminum Double Roasters, a useful possession at Christmastide. **95c to \$3.25**

—Hardware, Lower Main Floor

Gift Shirts for Men



Broad cloth

Shirts, plain shades. Special, **\$1.95** and **\$2.50**

Shirts of white silk, finish broad cloth. Each, **\$3.50** to **\$5.00**

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Shirts, new colorings, white or fancy patterns, three separate sleeve lengths. **\$4.95**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Pyjamas

Pyjamas of pyjama cloth with stripe patterns, **\$2.25**

Pyjamas of heavy textured English flannellette, fancy stripes, **\$2.50**

"Cosy" Pyjamas, extra heavy weight, with fancy stripes, **\$2.75**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Scarves

Rayon Silk Scarves in assorted colors, with fringed ends, **\$1.25 and \$1.50**

Reefer Scarves and Silk Squares, white or white and black patterns, **\$1.95 to \$5.95**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Gift Belts

Belts of excellent grade leathers in a great range. The styles are most popular. **\$1.00 to \$3.00**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Ties

Boxed for Presentation

Silk Ties in newest styles and patterns, at, **\$1.00**

Finest Grade Silk Ties, thousands to select from, **\$1.50 to \$3.00**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Boys' Gift Jerseys

And Sweaters

Pure Wool Jerseys with polo collar. Heather shades. Sizes 22 to 30, **\$1.75**

Boys' Pure Wool Coat Sweaters with heavy shawl collar. Popular shades. Sizes 26 to 34, **\$2.95**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Boys' Mackinaw Coats

Of heavy cloths, plain or checks. Sizes 26 to 36. On sale, according to size, **\$4.95 and \$5.95**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Boys' Ties and Scarves

A great selection of Knitted and Bow Ties, boxed for gifts. Each, **50c**

Boys' Cashmere Scarves, in neat patterns. Great values, each, **\$1.50**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Boys' Pyjamas

With New Elastic Waist Belt

Of fancy or plain broadcloth, new style, doing away with the draw string. Sizes 34 to 38, **\$2.50** and **\$2.95**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Silver-Mounted Pyrex Casseroles

Practical gifts for the home **\$7.50** and **\$10.00**

—Silverware, Lower Main Floor

Dressing Gowns for Men

Gowns in a choice of designs and colorings, **\$1.75**

Gowns of heavy heacon cloth, in plain fawns and mixed shades. All beautifully finished, **\$8.75**

Dressing Gowns of excellent grade cloth, Canadian and English makes, trimmed with silk cord. Price, each, **\$10.00**

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor



Men's Slippers

In Main Floor Shoe Department

Camel Hair Slippers, plaids and plain colors, **\$1.95**

Black and Tan Kid Slippers with leather soles, fleece lined, **\$2.50**

Fine Kid Slippers, Everet and opera styles; tan or black, **\$3.50**

Romeo and Pullman Slippers, fine kid, **\$4.00**

—Shoes, Main Floor

Men's Gift Gloves

Gloves of fine buckskin, Cape skin or deer-skin. A great choice. Priced at, **\$1.95 to \$5.50**



Men's Gift Sets

Armbands in a variety of colors, **25c to \$5.00**

Garter and Armband Sets, **75c and \$1.00**

Garter and Handkerchief Sets, **85c**

Braces and Garter Sets, **\$1.75 to \$2.50**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Men's Handkerchiefs

In Gift Boxes

Lawn Handkerchiefs with embroidered initial. Price, each, **25c**

Irish Linen Handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered initial. Each, **35c and 50c**

Pyramid Handkerchiefs, with white or colored borders. 3 for **\$1.00**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Boys' Gauntlet Gloves

Astrachan, black or brown, with cowhide palm, **\$1.25**

Boys' Star Gauntlets with fringed cuffs. Sizes 4 to 8, **95c**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Boys' Wool Gloves

Scotch Wool Gloves; grey, brown and heather. Sizes 2 to 7, **35c**

Scotch Wool Gloves, fancy leathers and plain shades; leather trimmed. A pair, **75c**

—Boys' Store, Gov't Street

Boys' Chinchilla Reefers

Double-breasted, with brass buttons, lined with red flannel. Sizes 22 to 30, **\$5.95**

Boys' Store, Gov't Street



Gifts Electric

Electric Toasters, electro-plated (Dominion Make), **\$2.25**

Electric Laundry Irons, complete for, **\$3.95**

Dominion Electric Heaters with copper reflectors, **\$3.49**

—Electrical Dept., Lower Main Floor

Hand-Made Crochet Cocktail Mats—Each, 5c Filet Lace Mats—Each, 15c

—Main Floor

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Electric Lights for Christmas Trees